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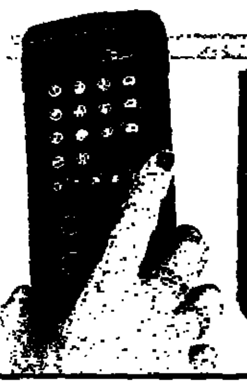

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Call for tighter controls at clinics

Test-tube baby doctor helps HIV women

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S leading test-tube baby doctor blew open the ethical debate on fertility treatments yesterday by offering to help HIV-positive women to conceive.

Professor Lord Winston has already treated a former heroin user against the wishes of most of his colleagues — although without success — and he has several other infected patients on his books.

His decision prompted immediate calls for tighter controls on the fertility clinics which treat 18,000 women a year, although the British Medical Association said that doctors should be trusted to use their judgment.

The former heroin user treated by Lord Winston had been HIV-positive for ten years and had been refused treatment by another clinic five years ago because she had the virus. She was referred to Professor Winston in 1994 and his initial reaction was that he would not help, but he changed his mind after talking to her and her husband.

She had been clean of drugs for eight years and in a totally supportive relationship for five. Although she had the Aids virus — caught from a boyfriend when she was 19 — she was quite well. Lord Winston calculated that there was a 10 to 15 per cent risk of her child being born with the virus, which could be reduced to 7 per cent by antiviral drugs and a Caesarean delivery.

Lord Winston consulted the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, which was worried in principle about the problems involved, but felt that the decision should be taken by doctor and patients; the chairman of the ethics committee at the Hammersmith Hospital clinic favoured treatment.

But Lord Winston's staff were almost all against the idea and at a stormy meeting of his 70-strong team, mothers argued that they could not allow the unit to bring a child into the world who might die or whose mother might die.

> ❛Yes, HIV is a potential death sentence . . . but we allow many quite ill women to go through with pregnancy❜
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> — *Professor Robert Winston writes on page 16*

Lord Winston decided to proceed anyway, and charitable money was used to pay the £1,700 bill. Had the treatment succeeded, the woman would probably have been the first in the world to have a test-tube baby knowing she was HIV-positive. But it failed and the couple have not tried again.

Defending his actions, Lord Winston said: "It was the right thing to do in this case. I would do it again given somebody who had a very, very long period of not demonstrating any disease and with the same very secure situation, knowing that in the likelihood of the mother dying, the partner would still be there to support and care for the child.

"There is no evidence that some people with HIV do not develop full-blown Aids. That was a major factor. I can't imagine treating somebody who actually had Aids or anyone who had been HIV-positive for only a few years, even if they were well."

Another HIV-positive woman he was considering treating was infected by a blood transfusion after a road traffic accident. He has also seen a laboratory technician who was infected at work by a splash of blood.

Baroness Warnock, who chaired the inquiry into test-tube techniques, said: "The risk [of the baby inheriting HIV] is no greater than his or her getting it from somebody else in due course", and Richard Lane of the National Family Trust said: "Every child has the risk of inherited health defects. I wouldn't want to classify HIV as different."

While the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority felt the decision should be left to doctors, it said it would investigate any clinic that developed a general policy of treating HIV-positive women.

But the Liberal Democrat MP David Alton criticised the authority for not intervening, saying: "They really are the most pathetic lot. When you turn the creation of life into just another consumerist act, it leads to many unacceptable moral and ethical problems."

MICHAEL STEPHENS

Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, wants household bills cut by £50 a year

Gas chief says price cuts could cost 10,000 jobs

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

ABOUT 10,000 jobs would be at risk if tough price curbs are forced on British Gas, the company claimed yesterday after the industry regulator revealed plans to cut customers' bills by about £50 a year.

The Ofgas proposals for tighter controls on the pipeline business TransCo were far harsher than the City had been expected and British Gas shares slumped 27p to 201p.

The deputy chairman Philip Rogerson declared it "a very black day for Sid" and said the controls would not leave the company with enough cash to invest in pipelines and safety measures. "If these proposals were implemented they would represent one of the biggest smash-and-grab raids ever and destabilise this industry at a time of high risk," he said. The company would have to halve its workforce to implement the "ill-conceived and impractical" proposals and still stay in business.

But consumers' groups and Labour welcomed Clare Spottiswoode's plans, which she said would leave householders about £30 better off next year, rising to £50 at the end of the five-year review period. She wants British Gas's pipeline business to take a one-off cut of between 20 and 28 per cent in its revenues from the independent gas companies using the network next year. After that, they must fall by 5 per cent a year in real terms.

These reduced payments to suppliers — including the company's own supply arm — would feed through to customers and Ms Spottiswoode said that would redress the balance between shareholders and consumers.

Margaret Beckett, Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, tempered a welcome for the proposals with concern over safety. She said: "These proposals show that regulation can and must work for the customer. Labour believes, however, that safety and security of supply are paramount, and we will look at what both TransCo and the regulator have to say in that light."

Ian Powe, director of the Gas Consumers' Council, said that the proposals meant that consumers had paid £100 a year too much since the last price review in 1994. But he also warned of investment implications: "If the picture is only half as bad as British Gas paints it, it is a very serious matter for the public interest."

The GMB union, the main union for TransCo workers, also sounded fears for safety. Donald Macgregor, GMB national secretary for gas workers, said: "The regulator is cutting but the cost could be reduced safety and no real benefit to customers."

British Gas and Ofgas have until next month to negotiate when the regulator will produce her final curbs. The row is then likely to move to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

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Chirac praise for Britain

President Chirac, in a rare audience in the Elysée palace, expressed sympathy for the plight of British cattle farmers and said France would back any relaxation of the beef ban approved at a European level. He spoke of his fond memories of postwar Britain and said that the Franco-British alliance is as vital to France as is its relationship with Germany .... Page 11

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Ceasefire hope

Sir Patrick Mayhew fuelled intense speculation about a renewed IRA ceasefire when he welcomed Sinn Fein's claim that the IRA was "open to persuasion". He said that political parties could raise any issue at the coming all-party talks .... Page 2

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Labour plans holiday cuts in streamlined parliament

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A RADICAL shake-up of the workings of Parliament, including the abolition of the long summer recess and substantially increased powers for Commons committees, is to be proposed by the Labour leadership today.

Presenting proposals designed to modernise Parliament and clean up politics, it will suggest more flexible ways of handling legislation in the Commons, with an end to the "bunching" of big events including the Queen's Speech and the Budget, in the autumn. In a move already raised with the Government, Labour is to propose that senior civil servants should be able to work for Opposition parties as well as the Government of the day.

Under the plan to make the operation of the Opposition more effective Britain would follow the practice in other European countries of allowing civil servants to be "attached" to senior figures in the Opposition. The foreign policy adviser to the Leader of the Opposition may be paid for out of the public purse.

Under Labour the system of select and standing committees could be streamlined with the new bodies given powers to confirm public appointments such as heads of agencies and to hold quangos to account. There will also be proposals to make Parliament less confrontational.

The ideas, many of which are backed by Tony Blair, will be put forward at a London conference on the constitution organised by the Charter 88 lobbying group by Ann Taylor, the Shadow Leader of the Commons. She will suggest all-party talks on the proposals.

Mr Blair has backed plans to end Prime Minister's Questions in their present form. Mrs Taylor will suggest amalgamating the two 15-minute weekly sessions into one half-hour session in which the Prime Minister of the day would be given more notice of questions although the Opposition leader will still be given the element of surprise and not have to declare his questions in advance.

Mr Blair favours the idea of an experiment in the early days of a Labour government, with one 15-minute session in the present style and the new half-hour session.

Labour will also ask the Nolan Committee to look at the funding of political parties.

Mitre for opponent of women priests

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the strongest opponents of women priests in the Church of England is to be appointed bishop in a move that will be welcomed warmly by traditionalists and will enrage the centre and liberal wings of the Church. The Rev John Broadhurst, Team Rector of Wood Green in north London and head of the traditionalist umbrella group Forward in Faith, is to become Bishop of Fulham.

Broadhurst: appointment will anger liberals

The appointment, by the new Bishop of London, the Right Rev Richard Chartres, will be welcomed widely in London, where his supporters have repeatedly expressed concern that he has been passed over for promotion. But it will be viewed with dismay by women priests and their supporters and could deepen the rifts in a diocese that is the most divided in the country.

Bishop Chartres will also announce that Dr John Sentamu, Vicar of Tulse Hill in south London, is to become the

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'Stimulating' bomb hoax blows up in teacher's face

BY KYLE SMITH

A TEACHER'S attempts to fire her pupils' imagination by staging a fake terrorist attack on their school backfired when the terrified children began crying and complained to their parents.

Carol Wilson, a teacher at South Bersted Church of England Primary School in Bognor Regis, West Sussex, planted a ticking box inside the building and arranged for a colleague to enter the class of 9 to 11-year-olds to announce that a bomb warning had been received by telephone.

According to pupils, Mrs Wilson then asked them to look for the bomb. A boy found a box with a ticking alarm clock inside which the teacher then took outside handling it as if it were a real bomb. One girl burst into tears and only then did Mrs Wilson tell the children the bomb was a fake. She asked them to write an essay about what had happened.

Now parents of the frightened children are angry because they say a real IRA attack, which rattled the school's windows in August 1994, is still fresh in the memory. They have demanded that Mrs Wilson be disciplined. Deborah Cronin said her son Danny, ten, was so shaken by the experience that he could not speak about it for a week.

Becky Maw, the school's headteacher, defended Mrs Wilson, saying: "It was obviously not a bomb. We have to do things to capture the children's imagination."

Jane Robinson, a spokeswoman for the county council, said the hoax was "a means to try and stimulate the children's imagination" but added: "We feel a misjudgment was made and we are investigating the matter."

The uncle of a ten-year-old pupil in the class said: "I was outraged. People have been sent to prison for saying that there is a bomb, even in jest. It's a criminal offence, isn't it?"

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Balmy House gets curiouser and curiouser

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

WHEN Eric Illsley (Lab, Barnsley Central) intervened in yesterday's debate on Northern Ireland to mention the shock to Short Brothers caused by the demise of Fokker, Deputy Speaker Dame Janet Fookes sat up sharply. Had she heard something unparliamentary?

She had not. You could have slept through yesterday afternoon at the Commons and missed nothing but a brief, sparkling exchange with Michael Heseltine.

It was a planted question, of course. All too often what masquerades as an impromptu parliamentary exchange has in reality been scripted beforehand.

Ministers prime their favourite poodles on the backbenches with the desired question, it is duly asked, and the minister comes back quick as a flash with his prepared reply. Boom-boom. It only works, however, when the script is good enough and the minister is as professional a showman as Michael Heseltine.

Tory MPs had read reports in Saturday's *Times* of a rift between Peter Mandelson, Tony Blair's communications guru, and Gordon Brown, Shadow Chancellor. During questions to the Deputy Prime Minister yesterday Jacques Arnold (C, Gravesham) asked Mr Heseltine whether he had had any problem with colleagues in the Cabinet refusing to speak to each other for 18 months.

The Government benches hugged themselves with pleasure as Heseltine replied. He shared Mr Arnold's compassion for the Shadow Cabinet. "I would be very happy to make an offer to Mr Blair to hold some sort of reception so that members of the Shadow Cabinet can get together in convivial circumstances and sort out their difficulties in private," he said.

The Tories, bruised as they are, were enjoying this, and for once Dennis Skinner failed to spoil their fun. He added to it, rising to accuse Heseltine of cheek. Ah, said Hezza, for all the world as though Skinner's intervention was in his script, too: "I am very happy to invite you to the reception too — and then the Shadow Cabinet can really learn what 'new' Labour is all about."

It was a warm afternoon. MPs leaned back on the benches to try to picture the party Mr Heseltine might give for the Shadow Cabinet.

Your sketchwriter has daydreams of his own. It would be a tea party: the Mad Hezza's Tea Party. The Shadow Chancellor would be Brown March Hare and Peter Mandelson would have to be Alice. Hezza would soon have the two of them talking to each other . . .

"Take some more tea," the March Hare said to Alice, very earnestly.

"I've had nothing yet," Alice replied in an offended tone, "so I can't take more."

Robin Cook, regarded as too small and hairy to be important in new Labour but actually rather bright, would have to be the Dormouse, squeaking impotently from the teapot as the Brown March Hare squashes the lid down on him each time he pops up. The dialogue would have about as much logical coherence as the assorted utterances of Opposition frontbenchers . . .

"Have some wine," the March Hare said in an encouraging tone. Alice looked all round the table, but there was nothing on it but tea. "I don't see any wine," she remarked. "There isn't any," said the Hare.

But what part would Brown's and Mandelson's Leader play in our *Alice in Wonderland* world? Remember the Cheshire Cat?

"This time it vanished quite slowly, beginning with the end of the tail, and ending with the grin, which remained for some time after the rest of it had gone."

Mayhew welcomes Sinn Fein hint of fresh ceasefire

BY NICHOLAS WATT AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY, AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

Adams: makes positive response to Sir Patrick

SIR PATRICK MAYHEW fuelled intense speculation about a renewed IRA ceasefire yesterday when he welcomed Sinn Fein's claim that the IRA was "open to persuasion" about a new truce.

In a sign of renewed cooperation with Sinn Fein, the Northern Ireland Secretary, also made clear that he accepted its demands that political parties could raise any issue at the all-party talks that are due to start on June 10.

A warmer relationship between London and Sinn Fein was also signalled by a positive response from Gerry Adams's party, which said that Sir Patrick had raised the "possibility of a meaningful discussion on constitutional and political change".

British ministers, who remain adamant that Sinn Fein can join the talks only if the IRA ceasefire is restored, were backed yesterday by strong pressure from Washington aimed at bringing the recent bombing campaign to an end.

After months of private pressure, the White House began publicly urging the IRA to restore its ceasefire. Nancy Soderberg, President Clinton's senior Irish affairs expert, said: "It is now getting so that there's no justification for a continued bombing campaign." In another significant statement from Washington, Senator Chris Dodd, the Democratic Party chairman, told BBC radio that "until this ceasefire is resumed I would strongly urge the President not to be extending visas to Gerry Adams". Before now Mr Dodd has strongly supported visas for the Sinn Fein leader. Last year he played a key role in persuading Mr Clinton to let Mr Adams raise funds in America.

The Washington moves came as British ministers prepare to accept plans for the destruction of terrorist weapons to be discussed separately from the main talks. Although the proposal, put forward last month by the Irish Government, has angered Unionists, ministers believe that separate discussions are the only way of keeping the talks going.

Sir Patrick yesterday underlined the importance of keeping all the parties in negotiations once the talks begin. Speaking in Belfast, he said that London and Dublin had agreed that there would be "general discussions on an open agenda with nothing preordained, nothing ruled out, nothing ruled in. It is just as important that that should be made clear as it is important that the issue of decommissioning has got to be addressed."

He insisted that political parties would have to sign up to Mitchell principles of nonviolence at the start of talks. His comments, however, show that the Government is moving closer to Dublin's insistence that arms should not become a log-jamming issue. Both London and Washington are anxious to ensure that nationalists do not boycott the talks because of disagreement over decommissioning.

However, John Major was warned yesterday that the talks could collapse unless he rejects calls for separate discussions over the destruction of terrorist weapons. David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, met Mr Major to underline deep fears over the suggestions, which Unionists claim could allow Sinn Fein the chance to delay moves towards decommissioning.

Amid clear signs that British ministers are preparing the ground for separate talks, Downing Street officials said last night that the "precise mechanism" for decommissioning had still to be resolved. Mr Trimble has made clear to Mr Major that Unionists will be satisfied with nothing short of an actual commitment to decommissioning before talks continue.

Within hours of Sir Patrick's comments, Mitchel McLaughlin, Sinn Fein's national chairman, gave an upbeat response. He told BBC Radio Ulster: "I think it is a very interesting comment [from Sir Patrick Mayhew]. It certainly represents a change of rhetoric . . . The comments do open up the possibility of a meaningful discussion on constitutional and political change."

Republicans are said to be engaged in an intense internal debate about their next move.

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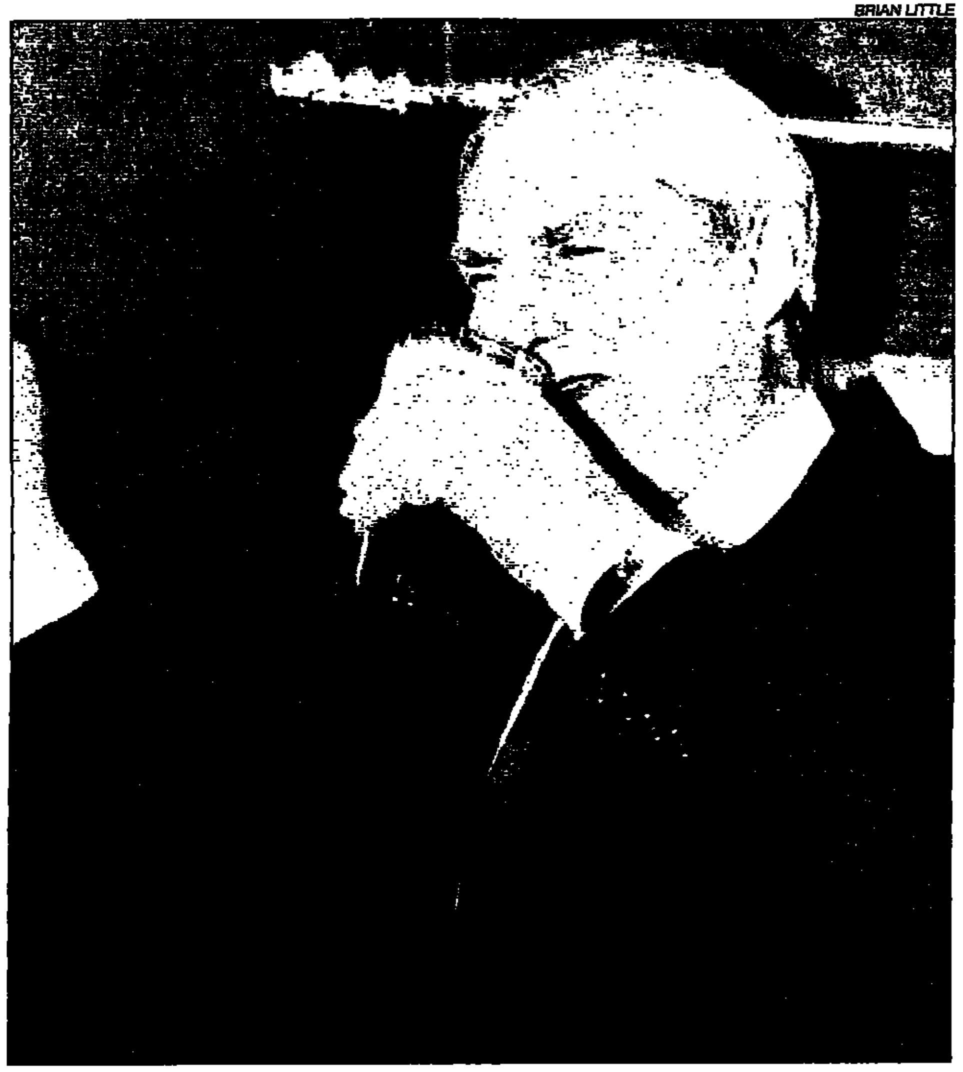

Sir Patrick Mayhew samples a pint at the opening of a new Belfast brewhouse

Barclays bids to run student loans

BY JOHN O'LEARY AND LINDSAY COOK

BARCLAYS Bank, the object of a prolonged campus boycott less than a decade ago, is among three financial institutions bidding to run a privatised student loan scheme.

The bank's competitors chose to remain anonymous yesterday as the deadline for tenders passed but the Clydesdale Bank and a major building society were understood to have entered the race.

Privatisation of the Student Loans Company was delayed last December, weeks after legislation was announced. Banks and building societies ignored appeals to take over the system because of the commercial risks and the prospect of being identified with an unpopular service.

A new system was to have been introduced in September. The delay left a £100 million hole in government finances, the savings anticipated from transferring liabilities from the scheme. With the privatisation Bill receiving Royal Assent last week, lenders have been reassessing their stance. Barclays has been in prolonged talks with the Education and Employment Department and the National Union of Students.

Barclays said its bid did not represent "a massive change of heart". The bank had been able to put forward a proposal that could be commercially viable, under which the Student Loans Company would still operate and Barclays would also offer loans on the same terms and interest rates.

That means graduates would have five years to repay loans once their income reached 85 per cent of the national average, and government subsidy would support a rate of interest pegged to the Retail Prices Index.

The NUS remains opposed to privatised loans under the scheme but said Barclays had met its call for faster processing and thorough consultation with students.

Bishops

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Bishop of Stepney, and the London diocese's first black bishop. The Ven Michael Colclough, Bishop Chartres' personal assistant, will become Bishop of Kensington.

Mr Broadhurst, who replaces Bishop John Klyberg on his retirement next month, has a pastoral record considered second to none. As suffragan, he will deputise in the Bishop of London's absence. The names of the three new bishops and one archdeacon are to be announced officially this morning.

The Ugandan-born Dr Sentamu's pentecostal-style services are renowned for gospel music and, sometimes, dancing in the aisles. He will be the first black bishop north of the Thames and only the second in the Church of England, after Bishop Wilfred Wood of Croydon.

The appointment of Mr Colclough, who will ordain women priests, to Kensington where nine out of ten clergy oppose them could spark defections from the area by clergy who may prefer the jurisdiction of Mr Broadhurst.

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Heseltine dampens Tory BSE tit-for-tat clamour

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

RIGHT-WING Cabinet ministers are preparing to step up the pressure for tougher action to lift the European ban on British beef amid fresh signs of differences in the Government over its response.

Some ministers on the Right are proposing ways of giving British courts a stronger hand against rulings from Brussels, while Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, is refusing to rule out retaliatory action.

However, the demands for robust tit-for-tat measures are likely to meet with opposition at Thursday's cabinet from Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister. He had faced calls for retaliatory measures from Euro-sceptic MPs but dampened their hopes by saying it was a "European issue" which had to be dealt with through negotiation "however aggravated and difficult it undoubtedly is".

Mr Heseltine said large numbers of these countries had introduced a ban of their own and a significant number had introduced a ban long before that by the EU. "This is an international issue," he said. "The beef market in many of the European countries is actually suffering more than the beef market in this country."

Mr Major will seek support from Jacques Chirac, the French President, when he arrives in London for a three-day visit. However, if the committee of European veterinary experts fails to agree to a partial lifting of the ban tomorrow, the demand for action from Tory rightwingers will become even stronger.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, and others on the Right are believed to favour a radical plan to make European law subordinate to UK law in areas of conflict. Mr Major is said to be unconvinced of the need for such a drastic step and would almost certainly be backed by Mr Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

Mr Rifkind said the "sense of frustration" over the continuing ban had now spread throughout the country and the Government. At a meeting of foreign ministers in Brussels he said that the Commission was now unanimously recommending that the ban be eased and it would be intolerable if any member states tried to oppose that view in the face of scientific evidence that all necessary precautions against mad cow disease and its transfer to humans are being taken.

☐ Beef sales are 94 per cent of what they were this time last year, according to figures from the Meat and Livestock Commission yesterday. The figures refer to fresh and frozen beef such as steaks, joints, mince and braising and stewing steak. The recovery in sales has been less good for burgers and processed products such as meat pies.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Harman pledges to reform fundholding

Harriet Harman declared that Britain's 2,600 GP fundholders would lose the £3.6 billion they now spend on hospital care as she outlined Labour's proposals to give all family doctors greater powers. Ms Harman said that Labour intended to replace GP fundholding with a new system of commissioning. GPs would work alongside health authorities and hospital doctors to decide on hospital care for their patients.

☐ Doctors' leaders said GP fundholding remained the "grit in the oyster" of the NHS reforms. The National Association of Fundholding Practices said that an investigation by the Audit Commission, to be published next week, would defend the principle of the scheme. The commission, which has investigated 56 practices, found that few fundholders have improved services for their patients and the scheme has been costly to run.

Chequers poll summit

John Major summoned ministers of state and undersecretaries representing all government departments to Chequers yesterday for a brainstorming session on the Government's political strategy up to the general election. Party sources said that the Prime Minister would not be discussing a manifesto. The meeting follows Kenneth Clarke's weekend warning that he could not guarantee tax cuts in the Budget.

Labour gun reforms

Guns would have log books allowing police to track changes in ownership under Labour proposals to reform the firearms laws. The books, similar to those for vehicles, would be linked to a national register of firearms. Jack Straw, Shadow Home Secretary, outlined plans to ban anyone under 18 from owning or using a firearm and allow police to refuse firearms certificates without providing reasons.

Army to fund appeal

Three British soldiers jailed for life in Cyprus for killing Louise Jensen, a Danish tour guide, are to have their appeals funded by the Army Legal Aid Scheme, the Government said last night. Allan Ford, 27, Justin Fowler, 28, and Geoffrey Pernell, 24, were found guilty on March 29 of abduction, manslaughter and conspiracy to rape. Their lawyers have claimed that the evidence was flawed and the sentences were too harsh.

Golden egg laid at last

The only two golden eagles breeding in England have hatched at least one chick after failing to produce young for three years, ornithologists said yesterday. Wardens from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, helped by volunteers, have been keeping a 24-hour watch on the birds' eyrie near Penrith in the Lake District to guard against egg thieves. There are estimated to be 425 pairs of golden eagles in Britain.

Bullet to be removed

The five-year-old girl from Sierra Leone who has survived for 16 months with a bullet in her brain will have an operation to remove it today at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. Tenneh Cole was taken in by a British-run charity in Freetown after her she lost her parents in the civil war and flown to Britain last week. Surgeons decided an operation to remove the bullet, which is lodged behind her right eye, was necessary because of the risk of infection.

Thames steps to reopen

An attempt to reopen historic steps along the Thames has been launched by the Port of London Authority. Many of the steps, points used by watermen to ferry people across the river, have become the stuff of London legend. The authority has identified 246 points offering access to the Thames and its foreshore from Teddington to Southend-on-Sea. Only about 44 are still in use with many of the rest closed off and crumbling into disrepair.

TV reporter dies

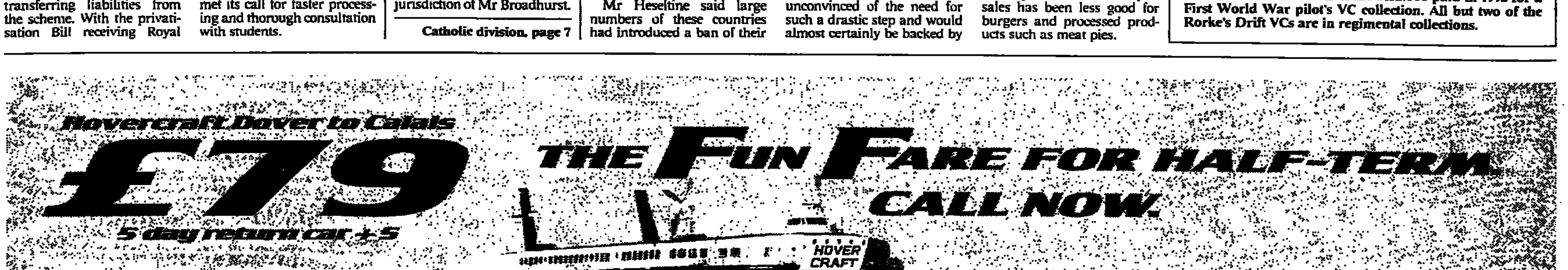
The ITN reporter Joan Thirkettle has died less than six months after being diagnosed as suffering from cancer. Ms Thirkettle, 48, joined ITN in 1974. She was also a presenter on Classic FM. Stewart Purvis, ITN chief executive, said: "She had a distinctive style which was respected throughout the industry." Ms Thirkettle, who died on Saturday, was divorced and had two teenage children. Obituary, page 19

Pop go Oasis tickets

All 300,000 tickets for four shows by the British band Oasis sold out within nine hours, a rate of more than ten tickets a second. Demand for the two shows at Knebworth, Hertfordshire, and Loch Lomond was so intense that promoters added another day to each gig. More than 1.5 million callers tried to order tickets within the first two minutes of them going on sale at 9am on Saturday.

Rorke's Drift VC for sale

One of 11 Victoria Crosses awarded for the legendary defence at Rorke's Drift, immortalised in the film *Zulu*, goes on sale at Dix and Webb in London next month. Experts say 21-year-old Robert Jones's medal could fetch a world record — more than the £132,000 paid in 1992 for a First World War pilot's VC collection. All but two of the Rorke's Drift VCs are in regimental collections.



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'She did not want to move out and murder seemed the ultimate solution'

Thornton 'killed violent husband to keep the house'

By Tim Jones

Malcolm Thornton was stabbed in the chest

SARA THORNTON was portrayed yesterday as a pathological liar and compulsive attention-seeker who murdered her violent and alcoholic husband for financial gain.

Thornton, 41, denied at Oxford Crown Court murdering her husband of ten months, Malcolm Thornton, at a retrial ordered by the Court of Appeal. Brian Cox, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury that wherever the marriage of the two heavy drinkers, both divorced, was made, it was not in Heaven. "The tragedy is that the two people genuinely fell deeply in love."

He said that in addition to being a heavy drinker Thornton, of Atherstone, Warwickshire, possessed a further trait which contributed another degree to the "dangerous cocktail" of their turbulent relationship. "She seems to have been a permanent or semi-permanent attention-seeker, shocking people by what she said and what she did, how she dressed and how she undressed and how she behaved towards men.

"Another aspect of her personality is that she told people what she wanted them to hear regardless of reality. A cruel way of putting it is that she is a pathological liar." As she listened to the evidence against her, Thornton sobbed uncontrollably. The trial was adjourned for ten minutes to allow her to compose herself.

Mr Cox said the killing was prompted by financial considerations. "She had a fixation that if she left Malcolm before they had been married a year she would lose her interest in the house. This is why she would not move out. Killing him was the ultimate solution." Malcolm Thornton was stabbed at midnight on June 13, 1989, as he lay in a drunken stupor on a sofa at home. "The knife was sharp and large and well-pointed and went about six inches into his body just below the rib cage, almost through to his back," Mr Cox said.

He said that Mr Thornton, who had left the police force with an exemplary record, was a heavier drinker than his wife and had turned to alcohol after the breakdown of his first marriage. "Regrettably, alcohol plays a substantial part in this case," he said.

Because of drink, Mr Thornton lost his driving licence and Sara Thornton was sacked from her job in telephone sales after empty cider flagons were found in her desk. Mr Cox said the murder took place after violent rows between the couple and after police had been called six or seven times to their home. On one occasion, Mr Cox said, there was a disgraceful scene after Mr Thornton, who was a security officer with TNT, spent the whole day drinking at a company open day.

Two friends took him home and his wife came to the door where Mr Thornton hit her in the face, knocking her over. Mr Thornton, he said, was "close to the bottom of the well" and after another dreadful incident spent time in a London clinic and joined Alcoholics Anonymous.

His conversion was short-lived and by Christmas 1988 his wife suspected he had started drinking again. He lost his job when he lost his driving licence and the couple remortgaged their property to open a shop. In May Mr Thornton spent most of the day drinking at a family barbecue and punched his wife in the face. He was charged with assault.

After this, he gave up drinking and the atmosphere in the house changed completely, with the family playing board games to avoid going to the pub. Mr Cox suggested Mr Thornton had changed because he wanted his wife to drop the assault charge.

Three days before the murder, Mr Cox said, Sara Thornton attended a function in Coventry, leaving her daughter Louisa, eight, with her husband because she considered he was free of his alcoholism. When she telephoned home from a hotel, she believed he had been drinking and arranged a taxi to take her daughter to a friend's house. In the hotel, it was alleged, she told a friend she would be free of her husband only if she killed him. The following day she had a furious row with her husband, during which she threatened him with a knife and he threatened her with a guitar.

PETER NICHOLS

Sara Thornton arriving at court yesterday with her sister Barbara Garbar. Thornton broke down in the dock

Later, as he lay in the bath, she fed him chicken laced with six Mogadon tablets, saying she wanted to make him ill so he would be admitted to hospital. But, Mr Cox said, Mr Thornton was obviously as strong as an ox because, when an ambulance called by his wife arrived, he was up and about and the ambulance left.

On the night he was killed, Mr Thornton was lying in a drunken stupor when his wife returned from the pub with Martin, her stepson. Mr Cox said that as he lay helpless on the couch she had gone into the kitchen, grabbed the knife and killed him. "There was no frenzied attack. Just one straight injury" and when Martin, who had gone to bed, came downstairs she said, 'Martin, I have murdered your father'."

Mr Cox said Thornton had been provocatively dressed and had gone upstairs to change before going downstairs. He said she maintained she had taken the knife because she could not find his police truncheon.

As he lay on the couch, Mr Cox said, he called his wife a whore and accused her of selling her body. Mr Cox said it was Thornton's case that "there were more insults from him and she dropped the knife, not intending to hurt him, let alone kill him. She brought it down expecting him to brush it aside. But the knife went into him accidentally and that has always been her case. It was, she claims, simply an accident.

"The prosecution has a very different view. It was not a frenzied attack, just one single injury. And of the choice from the top of his head to the tip of his toes, where? That speaks for itself." He rejected her defence, which he said was based on provocation and diminished responsibility.

The trial continues.

Stalker is jailed for terrifying neighbour

By Gillian Bowditch

A STALKER who terrified his neighbour, sending her obscene notes, bombarding her with presents, cutting her telephone line and handcuffing himself to a tree in her garden, was jailed for nine months yesterday.

Douglas Pickering, a 39-year-old car salesman from Waterside, Strathclyde, developed an obsession with Louise Durie, 42, a hairdresser, in September, Kilmarnock Sheriff Court was told. Mrs Durie said she feared for her life and at one point locked herself in her bedroom armed with a knife and a hammer.

She said Pickering had repeatedly telephoned her at work and at home and loitered outside the salon in Irvine where she worked. He had followed her to work, thrown stones at her windows and threatened to commit suicide on her doorstep.

He had bombarded her with gifts, including a teddy bear and plastic flowers, and at one point had crawled up the stairs of her shop to deliver a box of chocolates.

At one point he had banged on her door and had later been found drunk and unconscious handcuffed to a tree in her garden. Mrs Durie said she believed her life was in danger. "He started battering the door. I thought he was going to force his way in." She had barricaded herself into her bedroom.

Sheriff Terence Russell jailed Pickering for breaching the peace and breaking bail conditions imposed at earlier hearings, when he had deferred sentence for good behaviour.

The sentence was backdated to April 22 and Mrs Durie said later that she was terrified that her tormentor could be free by September. She said it was a second blow after the Government's decision not to extend new anti-stalking laws to Scotland, where the offence is covered by the breach of the peace charge.

Police want to interview former fiancé in freezer baby inquiry

By Gillian Bowditch, Carol Midgley and Lin Jenkins

The home of Michael Gifford, right, who yesterday refused to comment

POLICE were yesterday waiting to speak to the former boyfriend of a millionaire's daughter after the body of a newborn baby was found in her freezer.

Joseph Ernst, an architecture student at Edinburgh University, was on holiday in Spain, apparently unaware of the incident or that Emma Gifford, 20, is in hospital receiving psychiatric care.

Mr Ernst, a third-year student on placement in Lisbon, moved abroad in March after the couple's relationship ended. The baby boy, which was in a carrier bag when it was found at Miss Gifford's west London flat by her brother Kris, was born on April 5 but died two hours later through "lack of care".

Police said yesterday that they wished to speak to "everyone connected with the incident" but it is understood initial tests have suggested there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death. A post-mortem examination was inconclusive and police are awaiting the results of further tests. Miss Gifford is not fit to be interviewed.

Her father Michael, who retired last month as chief executive of the Rank Organisation, refused to comment yesterday at his home in Little Chart, Kent.

As he walked on the village green with his third wife Nancy, he said there would be no family statement: "Absolutely not. Not now, not ever." His second wife Asa, mother to Emma and Kris, who lives in a £450,000 farmhouse next door, also declined to comment, although some residents of the village said they were shocked.

Miss Gifford, who enrolled as a student at Edinburgh in 1993 but dropped out the next year, has recently been working in retailing and living in the £140,000 basement flat in Onslow Gardens, south Kensington, bought for her by her father.

She had a long-term relationship with Mr Ernst, whom she met during her studies, but was said to have "taken it in her stride" when the relationship ended amicably in March.

Students described Miss Gifford and Mr Ernst as simply "an ordinary couple in love". Miss Gifford kept her pregnancy a secret and flatmates of Mr Ernst in Edinburgh said they were shocked to hear about the tragedy. David Burnett, 20, an agricultural economics student, said: "He seemed very nice. I didn't know him well. He stayed here for a few months and he was out a lot." Miss Gifford telephoned often but visited infrequently.

Mr Gifford, 60, was chief executive of the £3 billion Rank Organisation for 12 years. His annual salary was about £400,000 and he had share options that earned him an extra £428,000 in 1994.

Simpson smiles through TV storm

By Peter Barnard and Kate Alderson

A relaxed O.J. Simpson arrives at the Granada studios yesterday for his 17-minute interview

A FOREIGNER famous for his footballing exploits who came to Manchester last night had arrived a day late if he was looking for adoring crowds. That was Sunday and that was Eric Cantona, back from Wembley with the FA Cup. Last night it was O.J. Simpson, who is from a whole different ball game. Manchester remained calm.

Simpson flew in by private jet to be interviewed by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan, the husband-and-wife team promoted from daytime television to peak time on ITV. They did their damndest, but a man who has survived a year-long trial is unlikely to offer anything sensational in a brief television interview.

The former American football running back and sometime film actor, acquitted last October of murdering his former wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman, solved one mystery outside the headquarters of Granada Television: why had he agreed to come? "I was invited. I was curious. I was doing nothing."

Simpson added: "I am hoping that we don't even talk about the case, but I know we will." As ever, expectation proved more reliable than hope, but there were to be no revelations. Indeed the most amazing moment occurred after 17 minutes of the interview, when Simpson looked aghast, or possibly relieved, as Finnigan announced: "That's all we've got time for."

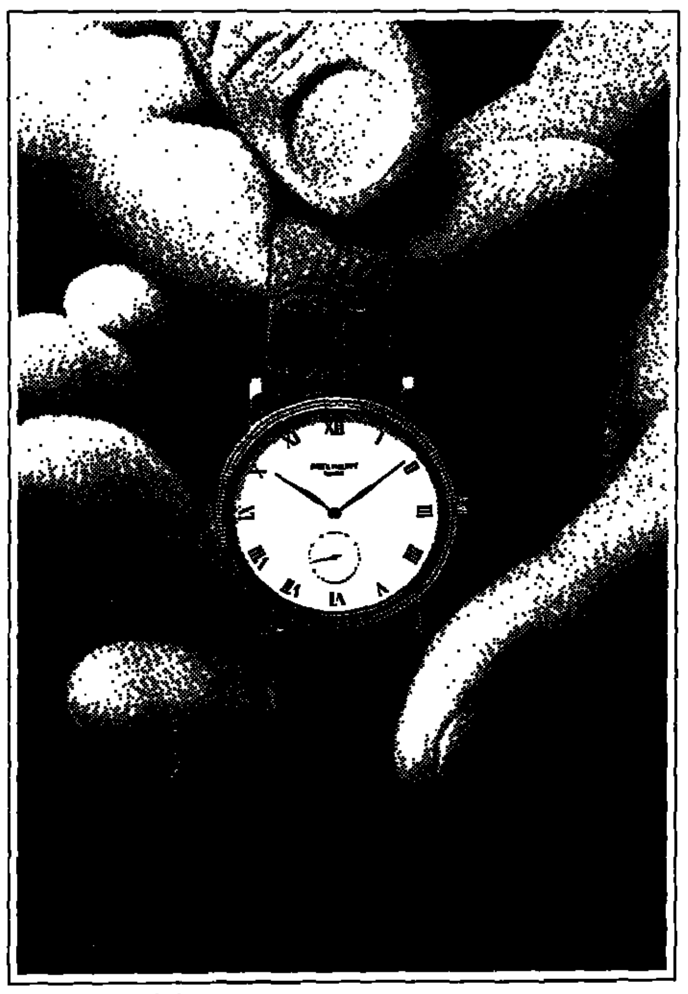
Simpson had been paid a "nominal fee" of £1 by Granada. Madeley and Finnigan had started with all guns firing, as if to prove that former doyens of the daytime agenda could handle this grown-up stuff.

They interrupted long replies with subsidiary questions, but that only produced even longer replies. Why did so many people not believe him innocent? "I don't blame them," Simpson said. "The [media] reports were so inaccurate, so skewed to the negative."

Why, when he knew he was to be arrested, did he take the famous televised drive in the white Bronco, complete with passport and $10,000? He wanted to visit his mother's grave. He always carries his passport. There was no $10,000. "I was suffering despair, I just wanted the pain to stop."

It went on, a partial rerun of the trial. Simpson's blood at the murder scene? "I am very suspect as to whose blood that was." And so on.

Simpson maintained throughout the look of a man who has been this way before and expects to come this way again. The smile is an all-weather item, by now impervious to storm. Even in Manchester.



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Popular programmes rescheduled as terrestrial channels challenge Sky's rise

News and soaps to be elbowed aside by sport

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

NEWS, current affairs and soap operas will be rescheduled *this summer* as *the BBC* and ITV screen more than 1,000 hours of sports events such as Euro 96, Wimbledon and the Olympic Games.

The fight back by the terrestrial channels against Sky's growing share of domestic sports coverage will mean that many popular programmes will be delayed to satisfy the millions of fans eager to watch the principal international events at peak *viewing time.*

The European Football Championship will force the BBC to hold up *EastEnders* and the *Nine o'Clock News* on at least seven evenings during the three-week tournament. *The Bill* on ITV will also be delayed as the two terrestrial channels will screen more *than 100 hours* of the competition.

A BBC spokesman said yesterday: "We do have an alternative schedule for viewers who are not necessarily sports fans. People will still be able to see their favourite programmes such as *EastEnders.*"

The BBC is spending a record £125 million of licence-payers' money this year to restore its damaged reputation as Britain's Number One sports channel, after losing the terrestrial rights of the FA Cup to ITV from 1998 and the Formula One championship, also to ITV, from next year.

Jonathan Martin, the head of BBC TV Sport, said: "Additional funding has been available from within the BBC to secure contracts that we have recently signed." This includes the Open Golf championship for the next five years, the Olympic Games until 2008 and the 1998 Commonwealth Games.

Will Wyatt, managing director of BBC TV, added: "We have shifted extra money from the savings we have made. Additional funds will be available in future. However, we always ask ourselves: is this is good value ?"

In July, the BBC will spend more than £20 million and send a staff of almost 250 people to Atlanta to cover more than 300 hours of the summer Olympic Games. Screening of the two-week event will start at 7am and last until the early hours. In 1948, when it first broadcast the Games live, the BBC only showed 68½ hours.

In addition, the BBC will be screening the six Test Matches, Royal Ascot, Wimbledon, and the Formula One championship. ITV will be showing The Golden Four athletics meetings, in which many of the Olympic stars will be competing.

Although all these leading events are being shown live on terrestrial television, Mr Wyatt emphasised that the British Broadcasting Corporation was "in a quite different business" from either pay-per-view or subscription channels.

Sky, which shows more than 60 Premiership matches live each season plus all England's friendly football internationals and is now bidding for the Five Nations Rugby Union championship, will still be screening a number of other top sports events this summer.

These include: the US Open golf championship in June and the US PGA championship in August; the US Open tennis championships in August; the first summer of the "Super League" in Rugby League; the one-day international cricket marches against Pakistan and India; the Wales and Scotland Rugby Union tours of Australasia; and a number of premier boxing events.

But a spokesperson for Sky, in which News International, owner of *The Times*, has a 40 per cent stake, said: "There are lots of sports fans who are interested in events which are not being shown on terrestrial television. Sky's programming is about providing choice.

"With three sports channels, we will still be providing more live sport than any other channel this summer."

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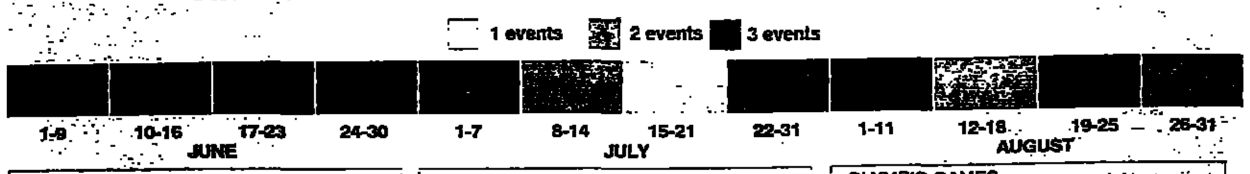

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June 8-30 EURO 96

TENNIS

June 24-July 7 WIMBLEDON

HORSE RACING

June 18-21 ASCOT

MOTOR RACING

June 2 SPANISH GP
June 16 CANADIAN GP
June 30 FRENCH GP

CRICKET

June 6-10 ENGLAND v INDIA
June 20-24 ENGLAND v INDIA

ATHLETICS

June 14-16 BRITISH OLYMPIC TRIALS

TENNIS

June 24-July 7 WIMBLEDON

OLYMPIC GAMES

July 20-August 4 OLYMPIC GAMES

GOLF

July 18-21 OPEN

MOTOR RACING

July 14 BRITISH GP
July 28 GERMAN GP

CRICKET

July 4-9 ENGLAND v INDIA
July 25-29 ENGLAND v PAKISTAN

ATHLETICS

July 5 OSLO

OLYMPIC GAMES

July 20-August 4 ATLANTA GAMES

MOTOR RACING

August 4 HUNGARIAN GP
August 25 BELGIAN GP

CRICKET

August 8-12 ENGLAND v PAKISTAN
August 22-26 ENGLAND v PAKISTAN

ATHLETICS

August 14 ZURICH
August 23 BRUSSELS
August 30 BERLIN

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Let them get their act together.
That's strange. A lot of my business friends seem to have it already.
Ah well. Fools rush in.
They say the new operating system is easier, more intuitive.
They say it recognises new software really easily. And hardware too.
Plug and play, as they say.
They don't know how they lived without it.
They're so impressed with this 32-bit technology, it's clouded their judgement.
"98%† of those using Windows 95 in organisations say they're satisfied?"
Mugs! Corporate lackeys!
I'm positive there's something better round the corner. I've read science fiction books.
There are going to be computers connected to televisions that communicate via telepathy.
So I can't see the point of diving in.
OK. So there are better Internet abilities and better switching between applications.
Bound to go wrong.
They've got 20 million users already, apparently.
But all software comes with a few problems.
OK. So they tested it thoroughly. A million testers, they reckon.
The biggest pre-test ever. Ironed out all the problems beforehand.
My foot.
Must say, my business friends are doing very well at the moment.
Productivity pay-rises and the like.
What was it they said? "Over three years, Windows 95 will save them £1000⁺⁺ in management costs for every PC they run?"
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Do me a favour.
You know what will happen. Day 31, all the problems start.
Yes, I know what the Wall Street Journal said.
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But what does Wall Street know? Where is Wall Street?
And PC Magazine, that most respected and impartial of journals, says "When it comes to comparisons Windows 95 is in a class of its own."
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Rival football managers Alex Ferguson, left, and Kevin Keegan are to appear in a poster campaign

Soap stars called in to promote ITV

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ITV is launching a multi-million-pound television campaign this week in an attempt to advertise itself and halt the slide in its ratings.

The broadcaster, which is keen to pre-empt competition from the new Channel 5 next year, has also hired the feuding football managers, Alex Ferguson of Manchester United and Kevin Keegan of Newcastle United, to spearhead a new £5 million poster campaign. The football rivals will be seen on 2,000 posters across Britain above the slogan "United for the Cup" to advertise ITV's coverage of the Eurpean Football Championship.

The television advertising campaign features stars of ITV promoting unlikely shows on the channel. Jack and Vera Duckworth of *Coronation Street* are featured promoting the high-brow arts programme *The South Bank Show*, *News at Ten's* anchorman Trevor MacDonald reveals himself as a fan of Cilla Black's *Blind Date*; while Wolf and Hunter, stars of *Gladiators*, are featured debating merits of contemporary and classical drama.The campaign comes after a 2.1 per cent decline in ITV's peak-time audience share in 1995 and a 2.3 per cent fall in its share across all hours. BBC1's peak-time share declined by 0.3 per cent over the same period and its all-hours share rose by 0.4 per cent.

Advertisers are also displaying a growing disillusionment with ITV's performance. According to a survey published by Media Audits, the advertising consultancy, last week, slightly more than a quarter of advertisers have cut their 1996 spending with ITV as a result of poor audience share in 1995.

Steve Morrisson, chairman of the ITV marketing group and managing director of London Weekend Television, said that the campaign was aimed at boosting viewer awareness of the channel and denied it was a defensive move.

"The truth is that ITV is Britain's most popular channel and as channels multiply and audiences splinter, ITV will become even more important as the only commercial medium which can regularly reach more than one third of the entire UK population in one hit," he said.

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Father threatens to sue after son is barred from class

By Paul Wilkinson

A FATHER is to sue an education authority for failing to provide his son with proper schooling after a teachers' union barred his son from attending classes because of violence.

Peter Cram decided to sue when teachers at Hebburn Comprehensive, South Tyneside, refused to allow his son Graham, 12, into lessons when he returned yesterday after a ten-month suspension. Mr Cram, 39, an unemployed shipyard worker, arrived at school with his son shortly before 9am. He had a letter from education officials stating that, as a result of an appeal over his son's expulsion last July, he would be readmitted to normal lessons.

Teaching staff who are members of the National Union of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers had already said they would strike rather than teach the boy, who was excluded after allegedly kicking and punching a member of staff.

As Mr Cram took his son through the school gates they were met by Madelaine Watson, the head teacher, who told them that Graham could not attend classes. The boy spent the day receiving tuition on his own from Mrs Watson and a supply teacher brought in specially by South Tyneside Education Authority.

Watson: told Graham he could not join class

Afterwards Mr Cram said: "At the moment I am prepared to accept segregated teaching on a one-to-one basis as Graham has been away since last summer. But eventually I want to see him reintegrated totally into school life. He misses being with his friends and feels left out, he is not getting the proper education he should. What happens next is in the hands of our lawyers, we will be guided by them."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the union, which represents 80 per cent of the school's 52 teaching staff, said as far as they were concerned the boy would not be taught by members of his union. He referred to a case in Birmingham two years ago when the parents of an expelled child took court action. "A precedent has been established that a pupil can be readmitted and delegated to a single teacher and kept virtually isolated to protect the education and safety of teachers and pupils."

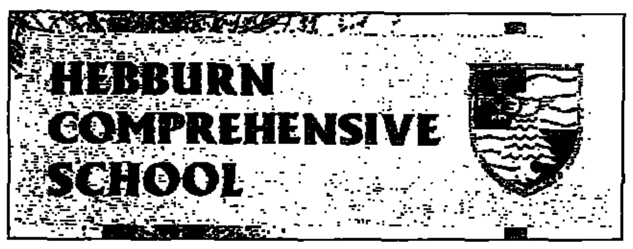
Mr de Gruchy flew from London to lead talks with the school's governors and the education authority. Afterwards he said officials had accepted his members' right not to teach the boy but added: "If they put pressure on we have a mandate to take action, including a strike." A fresh ballot would be completed by the end of the month to reinforce a vote for action passed last January.

He said the boy could spend the rest of his academic career at the school being taught separately. The alternative was for him to go to another school where he could start with a clean sheet or to a special school where staff were trained to deal with unruly pupils.

Graham, an apparently shy boy not much taller than 4ft, said: "I feel very upset about not being allowed back because I wanted to get on with my education. The teachers won't let me in because they don't like violent pupils, but I am not violent."

He spent most of his day in the head teacher's office and in the school library doing mathematics and geography and working on a computer. He said: "I was glad to be back but I wanted to be with my friends in class. I don't like one-to-one teaching."

David Lamb, Mr Cram's lawyer, said: "If the teachers are not prepared to allow Graham to reintegrate eventually then we will most certainly take court action. If they are prepared to take stock of the situation as time goes by and perhaps let bygones be bygones, then we are prepared to let matters ride for the moment. He cannot go through the rest of his school career being taught in isolation."



Teachers at Hebburn voted in January to take action

TOM FINNIE

Graham Cram with his father Peter. "I want to see him reintegrated totally into school life," Mr Cram said

Family challenges reprieve for pair in playground shooting

By A Staff Reporter

A FATHER whose 11-year-old son was shot in the head with an air gun "for a laugh" went to the High Court yesterday to challenge a refusal of education chiefs to expel two pupils involved in the incident.

Mr Justice Tucker was told that H, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was now too frightened to go back to the school in Camden, north London, because the boys had been allowed to return. The "emotionally vulnerable" child feared they would "get him back" for reporting the playground shooting in which he lost consciousness for 10 seconds, Rabinder Singh, for the family, said.

He accused the school governors and Camden council, the local education authority, of failing to carry out a proper balancing exercise when they decided that both pupils should not be permanently excluded, in spite of the effect that decision would have on H and the disruption it would cause to his education.

Mr Singh said that permanent exclusion, instead of the 12-day suspensions the boys received, was fully justified by the facts and Education Department guidelines in what the governors themselves had recognised as an extremely serious case. He said H's father would start criminal proceedings if there were no expulsions.

Sarah Forster, for the governors and the education authority, said that both of her clients were entitled to go against the "strong recommendation" of the head teacher that the two involved in the shooting should be expelled from the school.

Mr Justice Tucker is to give his ruling today.

Briton on holiday is raped and murdered

By A Staff Reporter

A BRITISH holidaymaker has been murdered in the Philippines. Linda Dockins's naked body was found in the bed of a dried-up creek on Sunday near the holiday cottage in which she was staying on Mindoro island. She had been raped and beaten round the head with a heavy object.

Ms Dockins, 35, from Windsor, had been travelling in the Philippines on her own. Last month she had sought help from the British Embassy after being mugged in Manila.

Police in Puerto Galera were yesterday trying to piece together her last movements. Superintendent Eduardo Sebastian, the chief of police, said she had arrived in Puerto Galera, a popular resort 75 miles south of Manila, on Thursday to visit a Filipina friend, Erlinda Manalo.

A spokesman for the British Embassy said: "It was reported to us on Sunday by local police. Unfortunately, there were only a few documents in her room. There was no passport but we managed to get her name from the cottage registration."

A spokesman for the Foreign Office said Ms Dockins's family had been informed of her murder. No decision had been made about bringing her body home.

☐ A Swiss man was murdered at the weekend in the northern Philippines town of Bani, where he and his wife owned a business. Police were looking for Villamor Vallan, the suspected lover of Walter Bredschneider's Filipina wife.

Police said that Mr Bredschneider, 64, was shot and killed on Saturday night in his back yard in the farming town 130 miles northwest of Manila.

CORRECTIONS

☐ The expenses of National Lottery retailers, including the cost and servicing of terminals, point-of-sale material and marketing, are paid by Camelot, not by retailers themselves (report, April 24).

☐ The proprietary cat food Whiskas (report, May 2) continues to hold its position as overall market leader.

Wrong plane brings Bader Spitfire hunters down to earth

By Alan Hamilton

MILITARY history enthusiasts who claimed last week that they had recovered the remains of Sir Douglas Bader's wartime Spitfire from a field in northern France admitted last night that they had the wrong plane.

Two days' work by a British team, acting on months of research, overwhelming circumstantial evidence and eye-witness recollections from elderly local residents yielded the engine and the mangled aluminium fragments of a Spitfire. They were convinced that it was the machine from which Sir Douglas baled out by parachute during a massive dogfight with the Luftwaffe in August 1941.

But they are now equally convinced that it is not. What they have unearthed appears to be a Mark 9 Spitfire, whereas Bader's machine was a Mark 5A. Undaunted by failure, the team is already examining fresh evidence at the site of the flying ace's final crash and may soon start digging another hole in the hope of better luck.

Dilip Sarkar, chairman of the Malvern Spitfire Team and a police constable with the West Mercia force, said yesterday that excavating the wrong aircraft had been disappointing. "But we have raised the finance to try again and are examining new evidence; obviously the memories of French peasants who led us to the wrong site have faded over 55 years."

The Spitfire's remains were extracted from 15 feet of clay beneath a sugar beet field, encrusted with mud and severely corroded. The Rolls-Royce Merlin engine block has six exhaust ports on each side, making it a Mark 9. Bader's aircraft would have had three on each side. Diggers were initially encouraged by a maker's identification plate, which indicated that the Spitfire had been built in Southampton, an important piece of corroborative evidence. What they watned to find was a plate showing the aircraft's serial number W3185, which would have positively identified it as Bader's, but they did not.

Ministry of Defence investigators are, meanwhile, no nearer finding the identity of a Spitfire pilot whose remains were recovered with his machine from a bog near Bruges in Belgium three weeks ago. The aircraft was recovered by two Belgian amateur war historians, who were surprised to find the pilot's remains in the cockpit. The historians called in the British Embassy and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Investigators have been puzzled by unusual features, including a parachute with no details of its owner's identity and a cigarette lighter with the initials U L.

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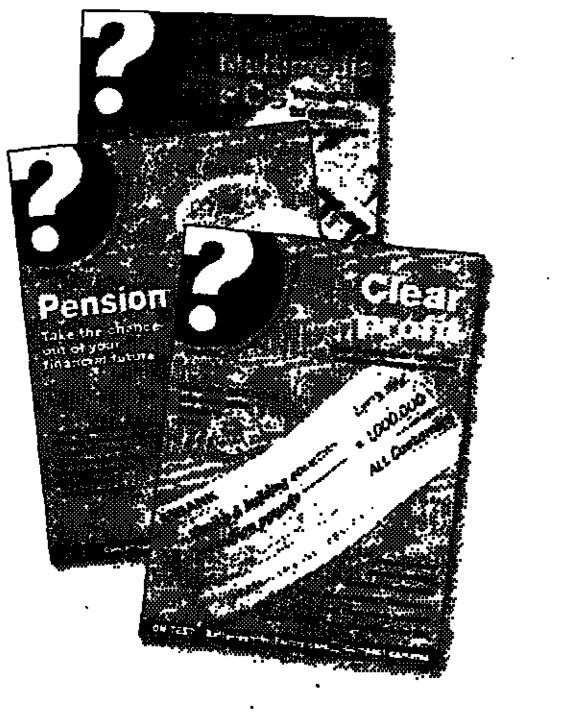

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Lawyers demand to see Lyell over 'crisis in courts'

By Frances Gibb
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

LAWYERS in the Crown Prosecution Service are seeking an urgent meeting with the Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General about what they claim is "day-to-day crisis management" in the courts.

There is widespread concern that spending cuts are preventing prosecutors from carrying out the essential task of reviewing cases before they come to court, leading to mistakes and unnecessary adjournments.

The move to involve Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, and the Solicitor-General, Sir Derek Spencer, QC, who have ultimate responsibility for the CPS, is an indication of the depth of feeling.

Criticism has come from the First Division Association, which represents most of the 2,000 lawyers in the CPS, and from barristers in private practice who undertake Crown Court cases for the service. The CPS has been ordered to cut its budget by £9 million in 1996-97, to £288 million.

Kevin Goodwin, of the First Division Association, said CPS staff wanted the law officers to hear their "grave concerns" about their inability to "carry out professional obligations and serve the interests of justice".

He said that lawyers who left were often not replaced and the use of outside lawyers had been cut. Only 10 per cent of cases of CPS work are now undertaken by lawyers in private practice.

"The result is that CPS lawyers who remain have to be in court almost continuously, and cannot fulfil their *statutory and core function of* reviewing cases to see which should proceed," Mr Goodwin said. "We have expressed all our concerns to management. Morale and motivation have never been lower."

Mr Goodwin is also seeking meetings with the Bar and Law Society and is balloting members for their views on a *national day of protest*.

Similar concern was expressed by a lawyer who until recently held one of the most senior posts in the service. He said mistakes were being *made and hearings* were being unnecessarily adjourned because lawyers had inadequate time for preparation. "Staff feel they don't have time to review the cases, which is their fundamental task.

"The CPS is overcentralised, with a needlessly large central bureaucracy and very tight control from the centre, which leaves the local branches with little power."

David Jeremy, a barrister *who chiefly prosecutes* Crown Court cases for the CPS in London, said: "We now have a position *where the* CPS *is* sometimes not even in court — one CPS lawyer is trying to cover, say, three courts and running from one to another.

"Judges are invariably criticising the CPS in court because things have gone wrong. The trouble is, at present, they are in the business of concealing what is *going on ... they take* decisions on the need to cover their inadequacies rather than making the right decision in any particular case."

A CPS spokesman denied that lawyers had no time for case reviews. "The system of team-working means work is spread among several people, it is not all down to one person."

The Law Society is launching a support scheme for *solicitors with drink problems*. The £70,000 project will offer counselling and a helpline. The society said lawyers with drink problems were more likely to have money troubles. They are also more likely to go before the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal or to be the subject of negligence claims. The Solicitors' Indemnity Fund is contributing £20,000, which it hopes *to recoup through a drop* in negligence claims.

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BBC

Karen Matheson, right, the lead singer of Capercaillie, who will be performing a Breton song for France

France embraces the Celtic fringe and chooses a Scot for its Eurovision entry

By Alexandra Frean

FRANCE has departed from its usual cultural chauvinism by choosing a Scottish woman for its entry in the Eurovision Song Contest this year.

Indeed, nationalism will be *at a premium for this year's* competition, to be held in Oslo on Saturday. Britain's Eurovision entry, *Ooh Aah Just a Little Bit*, is to be sung by the Australian starlet Gina G; Austria's song, *'Cause You Feel Good*, is a gospel number; and Iceland's entry, *Shoobedoo*, is based on American music of the Forties and Fifties.

The song that Argyll-born Karen Matheson will be singing is not even in French but in Breton, a language that shares Celtic roots with Welsh and Cornish. What is more, Ms Matheson, who is currently touring England with her band Capercaillie, will be accompanied by the *Welsh singer Elaine Morgan*, an Irish piper and a Scottish keyboard player, all under the direction of an Irish conductor.

Ms Matheson said she was surprised to be approached by the French two months ago to represent them in the contest, now in its forty-first year, but she was immensely pleased to be able to put forward a Celtic song. "It is a hugely political statement for a minority culture."

Considering France's traditional cultural protectiveness, embodied recently in a government decree requiring that a minimum of 40 per cent of the music on radio should be French, the deci*sion to choose* Ms Matheson seems rather bizarre.

The French authorities have only recently agreed to give funding to Breton-language schools and for decades practically ignored Breton culture altogether. Ms Matheson's song, *Diwanit Bugale*, which translates as *May the Children Be Born*, was written by the guitarist Dan Ar Bras 20 years ago in praise of minority cultures.

A spokeswoman for the French public service broadcaster France 2 said that Ms Matheson had been chosen to show that France was becoming more European.

"It was to demonstrate our belief in the true melting pot *of European culture. The fact* that the song is sung in Breton is part of the same idea," she said.

The French Ministry of Culture was quick to distance itself, however. "I thought the French entrant *was* French, from Brittany. Anyway, it is nothing to do with us," a spokeswoman said.

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Passive smoking 'does not cause cancer'

By Nigel Hawkes
SCIENCE EDITOR

PASSIVE smoking does not cause lung cancer, an international team of scientists has concluded. The team, led by a British specialist, Professor Jeffrey Idle, says that the *evidence* is insufficient to show that working or living next to a smoker increases the dangers of *lung cancer*.

The conclusion contradicts that reached by the US Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 and is bound to be controversial because the money for the study came from three tobacco companies.

Yesterday Professor Idle, until recently at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and now at *the Norwegian University* of Science and Technology in Trondheim, said that the sponsorship did not affect the conclusions.

"I was prepared to do this only if there was no interference from sponsors," he said. "We *agreed that* we would publish the results whatever they showed."

The team examined a range of studies by other scientists, some of which have shown a link between environmental tobacco smoke — the smoke that drifts around a room when smokers are present — and some of which do not.

Added together, *they say*, and corrected for well-known sources of bias, these studies show no statistically significant increased risk of lung cancer from passive smoking. These results are different from earlier studies, says the *group's statistician*, *Dr Anthony* Springhall, because all sources of bias were taken into account. Results can easily be confounded by factors such as diet — smokers and their spouses tend to eat less healthily than non-smokers — and *by misleading information*.

The group did not examine other possible effects of second-hand smoke, including allergies and heart disease. "These are undoubtedly important, but to examine them you would need a different panel," Professor Idle said.

The anti-smoking group Ash said that it was suspicious of the findings, given that the group was "not independent". A spokeswoman said: "There have been a number of independent international commit*tees that have concluded that* passive smoking is a public health hazard and have specifically linked it to lung cancer."

A committee under Sir Peter Froggat, of Queen's University, Belfast, examined the issue in 1988, and concluded *that several hundred people* a year in Britain were dying of lung cancer from passive smoking, she added.

Polaris bows out with resolution

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

THE Royal Navy's Polaris submarines bade farewell *yesterday after 229 patrols in* 28 years of service.

The last patrol of the four-boat Resolution-class fleet was by *HMS Repulse*. She will now be decommissioned and tied up alongside the other three, which have already been taken *out of service*.

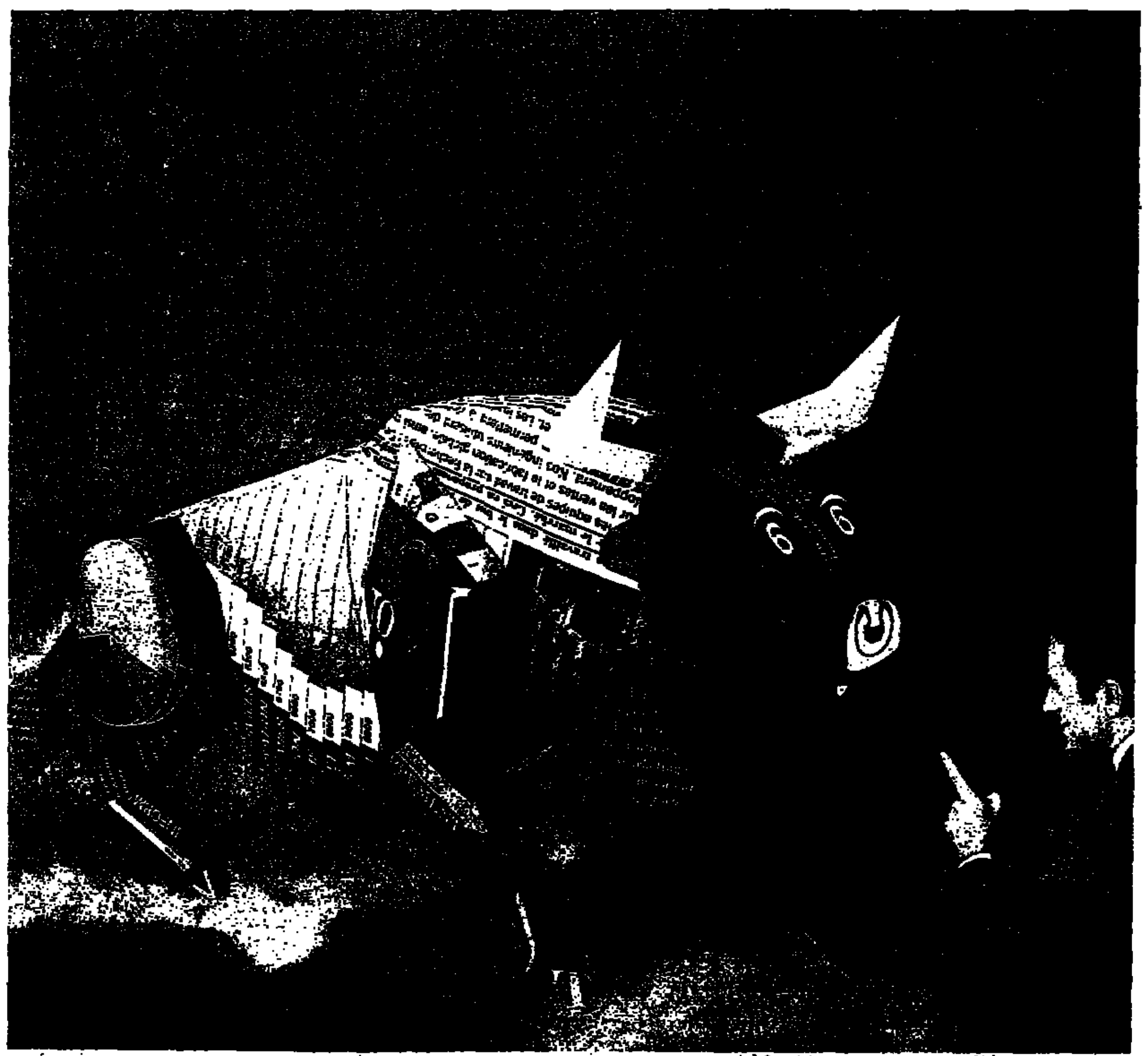
The end of an era for the Polaris "black bomber" submarines was officially announced by Admiral Sir Jock Slater, the First Sea Lord, who went on board *Repulse* after she entered the Clyde on her way *to the naval* base at Faslane, having finished her patrol in the Atlantic.

Repulse could have remained in service for longer, sharing the nuclear deterrent patrols with the two new Tridents now in service. However, *navy sources said she* would have needed an expensive refit and it was decided that two Tridents could maintain the round-the-clock patrols over the next two years. *The two Vanguard-class Trident* submarines, *Vanguard* and *Victorious*, have completed four patrols between them.

The penultimate Polaris taken out of service, *HMS Renown*, was decommissioned earlier than planned because of technical defects. There were reports that she developed cracks in pipes leading to the nuclear reactor.

The navy's confidence that Polaris boats have never been detected is based on a rigorous assessment by Ministry of Defence *experts after each* patrol during which they examine the records of the boats' tracks under the Atlantic to see if any other submarines have moved in their direction.

The full four-boat Trident force will not be in service *until the turn of the century*. The next boat, *HMS Vigilant*, is undergoing sea trials and is due in service in 1998.



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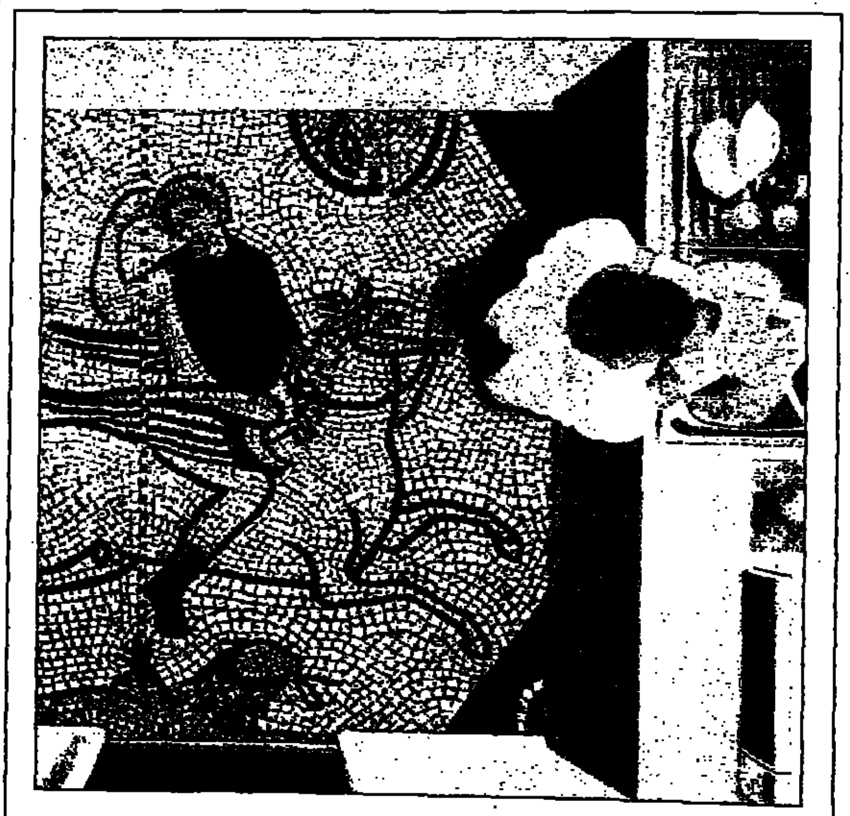

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Catholic Church divided over likely candidates to succeed Worlock in 'hot seat' northern diocese

Rome urged to name new Archbishop of Liverpool

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

LEADERS of the Roman Catholic Church in Britain have called on the Vatican to announce a successor to the late Archbishop of Liverpool quickly to end the speculation they believe is causing damaging rifts within the Church.

A process that would normally take six to eight months has dragged on for more than a year and led to a clash between modernists and traditionalists. Conservatives have written to Rome complaining about the allegedly liberal views of some of those thought to be likely candidates.

Church leaders are also desperate for a successor to Derek Worlock to restore leadership to England's second most important diocese. They want to dampen speculation that one priest rejected the job because Liverpool is too much of a hot seat.

Mgr Kieran Conry, director of the Catholic Media Office, who has been named by some as a possible contender, said: "The suspicion is growing that someone turned it down. Archbishop Worlock is difficult to follow. Liverpool is considered such an enormous responsibility. Liverpool and Westminster are the hot seats of the Church.

"There might also have been questions about the theological ability or orthodoxy of one of the names. Increasingly, people are writing directly to Rome complaining about aspects of the Church."

The conservatives found a voice in the author Alice Thomas Ellis, who wrote a vehement criticism of Archbishop Worlock in her last column in the *Catholic Herald*. She said: "The last thing in the world faithful Liverpudlian Catholics want is another progressive in that position."

While the conspiracy theorists have been having a field day, the cause of the delay could simply be bureaucratic. Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, has hinted that he "would not mind" stepping down: by law he must offer his retirement to the Pope when he is 75 in two years. This means that the Pope, in appointing a successor to Liverpool, must bear in mind the man he wants at Westminster.

Christina Odone, former editor of the *Catholic Herald*, said: "There is one man who is head and shoulders above the rest, and that is Bishop Vincent Nichols of north London. But to put him at the helm of Liverpool would close the door to him as Cardinal Hume's successor. They do not want to have a musical chairs church."

If Bishop Nichols were to go to Liverpool, the Pope could resolve that difficulty by asking Cardinal Hume to stay on into the next millennium.

The names of three candidates for Liverpool were presented to the Congregation for Bishops in Rome in November by the Pope's representative in London, Archbishop Luigi Barbarito. The congregation is thought to have taken note of written protests to Rome about the direction the Catholic Church, and specifically the Liverpool diocese, has taken in recent years.

More information is understood to have been demanded on at least one of the three candidates, and a second round of consultations took place earlier in the spring. A decision is expected soon.

Mgr Conry said: "When the Nuncio sends his final report with three names to Rome, they all have to be good candidates. If one is an also ran, Rome will just send it back. It is possible that they regarded one of the candidates as less strong, and wanted either another candidate or more information."

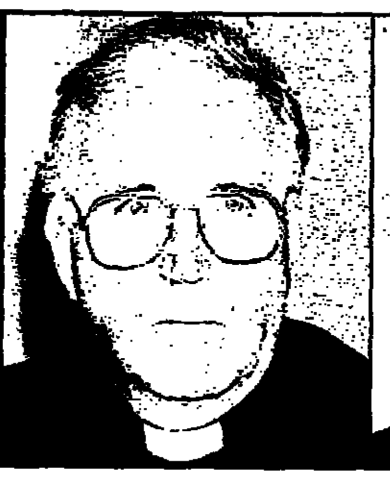
Other insiders believe that the Pope, who was a close friend of Archbishop Worlock, was distressed by his death through cancer earlier this year and has deliberately waited to announce his successor to allow a period of mourning.

Mgr Conry dismissed speculation that Rome is trying to impose a candidate "to bring the English bishops back into line", as has happened in countries such as Switzerland and Holland.

He said: "I see no reason to do that. I don't think there is any suggestion here that the Church has stepped out of line. Cardinal Hume has a strong reputation in Rome. He was appointed the facilitator of the last synod. He wouldn't have been if there was concern about the state of Church in this country."

Patrick Kelly, 57, Bishop of Salford since 1984. Attended English College, Rome. Well-known theologian, and conservatives' favourite. Former rector of Oscott college seminary in Birmingham. Born Lancashire and at home in the North. In Salford has introduced radical programme of confirmation, postponing it to teens rather than late primary school age so girls and boys are better equipped to make a decision about faith. Bubbly personality, approachable, down to earth, with lively mind and character. Accessible to media. Wits have suggested he does not want to become an archbishop because he does not want to be known as "His Grace Kelly".

David Konstant, 65, Bishop of Leeds since 1985. Previously an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Studied mathematics for four years at Christ's College, Cambridge. Became priest in diocese of Westminster 1954. Taught maths and religion at Cardinal Vaughan School, Kensington. Worked on the drafting committee for the new catechism of the Catholic Church. Prepossessing figure; can sometimes appear a little distant but has sharp mind. Excellent pianist. Chairman of Catholic Education Service, helped to launch the Catholic Church on the Internet in February. Made a Freeman of City of London in 1984. Prolific author on religious education and liturgy.



Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, 63, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton since 1977. Born in England, despite Irish lilt. Trained at English College, Rome, and served as rector there. Was secretary to Derek Worlock while he was Bishop of Porstmouth in 1960s. Chairman of Committee for Christian Unity since 1983, which makes him a strong contender in ecumenical light. Considered affable and charming. Respected and liked throughout the Church, known for pastoral expertise. As the co-chairman of Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, has helped to write many treatises exploring areas of similarity and difference between the two churches.

Crispian Hollis, 59, Bishop of Portsmouth since 1988. National Service in Somerset Light Infantry. Read modern history at Balliol College, Oxford. Trained for priesthood at English College, Rome. Ordained July 1965. Catholic chaplain at Oxford University from 1967. In 1977 became Catholic assistant to the head of religious broadcasting at the BBC. Ordained bishop in 1987. Closely connected, with religious broadcasting throughout ministry. Confident and relaxed manner; tolerant, urbane and welcoming. His recent letter to all Catholics in the Channel Islands urging them to oppose attempts to legalise abortion was an indication of his theological "soundness".

Vincent Nichols, 50, an Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster since 1992. Liverpool-born, part of "Crosby mafia", prominent group of priests born and educated in that area. Trained at English College, Rome, and in Chicago. People's favourite and a protégé of Archbishop Worlock, whom he worked with closely. Former parish priest in Toxteth. Former general secretary of Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Regular contributor to *Thought for the Day*. Represented bishops at the last synod in Rome on the religious life. Fluent in Italian. If not appointed to Liverpool, everyone will assume it is because he is being reserved to replace Cardinal Basil Hume at Westminster.

Oiled seabirds die 10 days after rescuers free them

By Nick Nuttall

CLEANING oiled seabirds is a waste of time and money. Most die within ten days of being released into the wild, a survey has found.

The study into the survival rate of seabirds after tanker disasters shows that the life expectancy of a cleaned guillemot is only a matter of days.

The results, published in the journal *Ibis*, are likely to add to controversy over whether the cleaning of seabirds in the wake of the *Sea Empress* disaster off southwest Wales was misguided or a publicity stunt by charities.

The findings are based on 2,000 seabirds, ringed after rescue and cleaning from pollution accidents in America.

Brian Sharp, an ornithologist from Oregon who did the survey, has found that the life expectancy of a released guillemot is under ten days — compared with 18 months for an unaffected bird — and that only between 10 and 20 per cent survive the trauma.

An oiled scoter duck is brought in for cleaning

The survey, based on government wildlife files, says survival rates have not improved with modern cleaning methods. "The cost and effectiveness of rehabilitation efforts for oiled seabirds need to be examined in the light of the results, which show low post-release survival."

A spokesman for the RSPB said yesterday: "We have always suspected that survival rates were quite low and this first in-depth study confirms it. We don't get directly involved in the cleaning process and our emphasis is on trying to stop oil pollution happening in the first place."

Chris Mead, of the British Trust for Ornithology, said: "These results confirm that the suffering of these birds is, in the vast majority of cases, to no avail. I can understand the desperate feelings of the rescuers that they should do something to help the birds but, realistically, it may be better for the birds to put them to sleep immediately."

But the RSPCA defended its oiled bird policy and rejected the American figures. John Rolls, a spokesman, said: "Most birds rescued by the RSPCA are ringed before release and we have examples of oiled birds surviving for up to ten years in the wild. Some birds have been returned to the RSPCA having been oiled for a second or third time."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Man denies murdering French girl

The lorry driver accused of murdering Celine Figard was committed for trial at Wolverhampton Crown Court. Stuart Morgan, 36, of Poole, Dorset, is accused of killing the 19-year-old French student between 18 December and 30 December last year. Mr Morgan, who denied the charge, was committed for trial on October 2.

£2.2m for boy

Christopher Ingleby, 8, who is severely affected by cerebral palsy after mistakes at his birth at Whittington Hospital, north London, is to receive £2.2 million medical negligence damages under a High Court settlement.

Path stays put

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber has lost an attempt to divert a public footpath which runs through the courtyard of his country home. The path, shown on maps from 1759, takes walkers within 30 yards of the composer's home.

Ferry alert

Ferries went on alert after wreckage was seen between Dover and Calais. Coastguards said the *D'Artagnan*, which sank in April, may have floated up because of gases from fish rotting in her hold.

RAF pair safe

A student pilot and an instructor escaped with minor injuries after ejecting before their RAF training aircraft crashed yesterday morning near the village of Wetwang

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DIARY OF A SURVIVOR

Age 7 The crops have all dried up. Why won't it rain? Mama and papa are leaving the farm to work in the salt mines. I am hungry.

Age 14 I asked mama again why I cannot go to school and her answer is the same. "School is for boys". So my brothers go while I have to take the cattle to pasture. But if I don't learn anything, this is what I will always do, tend cows. I want to do more in my life than this.

Age 22 A terrible day. I am to marry Claudio Enriquez, a trader from our village. I flew into a rage at my father for permitting him my hand in marriage but he just looked down at the dust and said that for a poor girl with no education this is a good match and I must try to be a good wife.

Age 24 My beautiful boy is born. Teófilio. I am in pain but happy.

Age 30 I thought Teófilio was getting better because he had a quiet night. But his stillness struck a terror in me the moment I awoke and I rushed to where he lay on the floor. His lips had turned black. I lifted his limp, clammy body to me and caressed him, his hand, his forehead, his stomach. But little by little he lost his breathing. I have seen death in my family so many times but today I felt my own soul die with his. I don't want to go on.

Age 42 Such a beautiful dawn this morning. We worked the plot, me on the potatoes, silently, the children with their laughter on the avaso. It is hard work from dawn to dusk, but for the first time in four years the harvest will be good, so at least we can eat. We are content enough.

Age 54 The guerillas came last night saying that here in Quinua there are army collaborators. They seized the two boys from Sabina's house. The eldest boy looked up at me as they dragged him past, his eyes great pools of fear.

We have found the boys. The guerillas had cut out their tongues and gouged out their eyes. We took the bodies back to our village and bathed them and dressed them and buried them and wept for them.

Age 57 The colic has taken my husband. I feel empty and alone. The violence here gets worse every day. I know I must leave Quinua.

Age 58 Today I flee for Lima. I don't know what will happen to me.

Age 66 Woke up thinking about my village. It makes me very sad. So far away is my little house, my land, and I will never be able to see it again.

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Carpet tycoon puts hard-up Tories on a sound footing

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A CARPET tycoon who was knighted and given a peerage by the Tories is being hailed as the man who has saved the party from financial ruin.

The key figure behind the reduction in the party's overdraft from £18 million to £2.5 million is Lord Harris of Peckham, one of the party's treasurers.

Lord Harris, founder of the Harris Queensway carpet empire, helped to broker the deal last December to pay off a £600,000 debt to Saatchi & Saatchi, which had been outstanding since the 1992 general election.

The failure to pay the bill was a severe embarrassment to the Tory party, which was so hard up after the election it took out a second mortgage on its Smith Square headquarters. But Lord Harris, 53, struck a deal with the company and raised the money to settle the debt.

He is a substantial donor to the Tory party and was made a life peer by John Major last November. But it is his virtual elimination of the party's deficit that has enabled a long-awaited fightback by Mr Major.

Today Tory leaders will launch the first in a series of nationwide poster and newspaper advertising campaigns saying that although government policies since 1992 have hurt they have worked. The campaign, which was outlined by Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, at the Chequers summit yesterday, will feature 1,000 poster sites across the country.

The campaigns have been devised by Maurice Saatchi and Sir Tim Bell, the advertising gurus who masterminded Margaret Thatcher's first two general election triumphs. They created the memorable "Labour isn't working" slogan and are known at Conservative Central Office as the dream team.

The Tories ended their *16-year relationship with* Saatchi & Saatchi when Maurice and his brother, Charles, acrimoniously left the company. The brothers set up another firm, M & C Saatchi, and secured the Tory account, *which remains* one of the most prestigious in the advertising world.

The poster and newspaper advertisements, part of an £11 million pre-election campaign, will continue until polling day. Tory officials say that a similar amount will be spent on the final three weeks of campaiging.

Most of the money has been guaranteed, rather than deposited in the bank, but it is known that Lord Harris has secured pledges which would enable the party at least to match the more than £20 million it spent in 1992. Central Office declined to discuss the finances but officials con*firmed that Lord Harris had* played a central role in restoring them.

Last night one senior Tory said: "Philip Harris is a finan*cial genius. He is the only* reason the overdraft has virtually gone and the main reason pledges have poured in.

"Enough money has come in to enable us to have a flurry of spending on advertising now. We will be back on the offensive in the summer. If the *money has been pledged to* Philip there is no doubt it will be coming our way. He could ensure that we could fight a general election now if we had *to.*"

The success of Tony Blair in creating new Labour has helped Lord Harris and his *fellow treasurers, such as Lord* Hambro, to restore the flow of funds from the business community to Conservative Central Office. The Tory official *said: "The closer Tony Blair* looks like getting to the of Downing Street gates the easier it is becoming to prise *money from our old supporters. Labour still frightens* the business community."

Harris Queensway was one of the retail success stories of *the 1980s until its profits* crashed after the 1987 stock market collapse. But within months Lord Harris, then Sir Philip Harris, confounded the *market when he bounced back* with the launch of Carpetright. The company was an immediate success and was *floated on the stock exchange* in 1993.

Lord Harris was on holiday yesterday and unavailable for comment.

Lord Harris, a "financial genius" who has transformed the Tory party's finances

Clarke and his shadow are in similar corners

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Kenneth Clarke and Gordon Brown have more in common than either would admit publicly. Not only do they broadly agree on macro-economic strategy, if not on labour market and welfare measures, but they are in a similar political predicament. Both are under challenge within their parties. The attacks are linked to personal criticisms — in Mr Clarke's case over his strongly pro-European views and, in Mr Brown's, over his allegedly high-handed style of making policy. But at the root of the arguments lies an unwillingness of many of their critics to face up to disagreeable financial realities.

All Mr Clarke was doing at *the weekend was to highlight* statistics, notably a rise in public borrowing over expected levels, which has been worrying financial markets *for some* weeks. This is largely a result of a shortfall in tax receipts which is still puzzling Treasury officials and can only be partly explained by a slowdown in the rate of growth. Mr Clarke was merely pointing to the obvious when he said tax cuts must depend on the state of the economy, spending commitments to hospitals, schools and the police, and on moving towards a balanced budget.

The protests by the Tory Right miss the point. The demand yesterday by Terry Dicks that Mr Clarke should be sacked because he is "out of touch with the party with regard to tax cuts" is ill-informed nonsense. Tax cuts cannot be conjured up out of nowhere. Mr Dicks suggests that John Redwood should be appointed with a mandate to cut spending and taxes. He seems unaware that Mr Redwood, in his All Souls rather than his populist mood, was last week distinctly cautious about the scope for tax cuts because of the fiscal deterioration.

Mr Clarke's warnings are not the result of some pro-European plot, mistakes by him or lack of will, as Bill Cash implies. There is no way taxes can be cut on a large scale this autumn without being financially irresponsible. It is arguable that the Treasury should be looking for ways to broaden the tax base by bringing more items within VAT, though that is hardly likely before an election. Reducing public borrowing is anyway a mainstream Tory aim, whether or not the Maastricht conditions existed, as Norman Lamont has accepted. There is obviously a longer-term debate over the size of the public sector which would put Mr Clarke on one side and Michael Portillo and Michael Forsyth on the other. *But, in the* short term, that is the next financial year, there is little scope to cut spending plans by more than a couple of billion *pounds at most, and that will* probably require creative accountancy. The existing squeeze on spending is already very tight and, as Peter Lilley has shown, savings on social security take time to come through.

Mr Brown's problem as Shadow Chancellor is a mirror image of Mr Clarke's. He has to persuade his colleagues that Labour has to come up with real cuts in some programmes if it is to offer a credible fiscal approach. Good intentions, as in Chris Smith's welfare speech last week, are not enough. After the fuss over child benefits for 16 to 18-years-olds — which Mr Brown handled clumsily — tomorrow's statement on training and employment for young people will be a key test of "new" Labour's seriousness in substance, as opposed to rhetoric.

In both cases, the position of the Chancellor or Shadow Chancellor has to be upheld. Just as no government can prosper if a Chancellor is criticised from within, or relations are strained with a Prime Minister, so no opposition can appear as a credible alternative government if the authority of the Shadow Chancellor is undermined. They are the pillars of any administration.

PETER RIDDELL

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Major urged to make Redwood Chancellor

A TORY MP called on the Prime Minister to replace Kenneth Clarke with John Redwood to improve the party's chances of survival at the general election (Jill Sherman writes).

The demand from Terry Dicks (Hayes and Harlington) reflects growing anger among rightwingers over Mr Clarke's recent warnings that he cannot guarantee vote-catching tax cuts in his November Budget. Mr Dicks said: "I am calling on John Major to sack Kenneth Clarke as Chancellor. He is out of touch with the party and he is out of touch with everybody with regard to tax cuts. *He seems to have his* own agenda and as far as I am concerned he is too arrogant by far. On top of all this he makes silly mistakes."

Mr Clarke has given a series of interviews in which he has suggested that elections are not won on tax cuts. But Mr Dicks said that the only *chance the Tories had was* to make Mr Redwood Chancellor with a mandate to cut public spending and taxes.

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY In the Commons: questions to the Deputy Prime Minister; debates on the Northern Ireland economy and on the Government's cattle disposal scheme. In the Lords: Education (Scotland) Bill, report; Damages Bill, committee.

TODAY in the Commons: questions to health ministers and the Prime Minister; *debate on Westminster City Council;* regulations on grants for nursery education; debate on teaching of reading in London. In the Lords: Non-Domestic Rating (Information) Bill, third reading; Security Service Bill, second reading.

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Hollywood rushes to make Hardy's novels less obscure

FROM DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT, AT THE CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

AFTER Jane Austen, it is now Thomas Hardy's turn. Directors and producers are rereading his classics in a rush to make them into movies as money-spinning as Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*.

Jude, a faithful adaptation of *Jude the Obscure*, which is receiving its world premiere at the Cannes Film Festival, is one of five Hardy movies in various stages of production.

Michael Winterbottom, the young British director who directed *Jude*, and Andrew Eaton, who produced it, are collaborating again on *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, while Phil Agland is making *The Woodlanders*, with funding from Channel 4 Films and Chargeurs, a French conglomerate. Negotiations are under way for *Wessex Tales* and *The Return of the Native*.

Although *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* and *Far From the Madding Crowd* have already received the Hollywood touch, Claudia Shaffer, who runs the rights department of Curtis Brown, the literary agents, said she had been inundated over the past few months with applications for rights to Hardy's novels from film, theatre and dance companies: "They are selling like hot cakes. I am getting phone calls every day." There had, however, been curious ideas for adaptations, she said, including a suggestion to feature bouncing sheep in *Far from the Madding Crowd — The Musical*.

Changes in copyright laws in January, extending copyright to 70 years after a writer's death, have made the industry see Hardy in a new light. Hardy and John Buchan are among authors whose novels have been affected. As Hardy died in 1928 his work will return into the public domain at the beginning of 1999.

Peter Weinand, a partner of Farrer and Co, which acts for the Hardy estate, said that a work under copyright became a more marketable commodity, in that others could not make films of the same work. He suggested that after the formal, classical tone of Jane Austen, film-makers were yearning for a more romantic mould.

Mr Weinand said that one of their partners was a trustee of the estate, a complex arrangement which involved 16 wills. He said that through a series of bequests, the rights were passed on via Hardy's widow to her sister and on to a housemaid. An anonymous woman, a descendant of the housemaid, is still receiving royalties.

Film rights can reach six-figure sums. Anything put into production before January 1, when the copyright laws came into force, is unaffected.

Jude is a £5 million production, co-produced by Polygram Filmed Entertainment and BBC Films. Mark Shivas, its executive producer, said that audiences would think it cost a great deal more.

Variety described the film as "a bold and generally successful attempt to adapt Hardy's final novel to the big screen", and likened the style to François Truffaut's costume dramas. *The Hollywood Reporter* called it a "masterful adaptation, both a brilliant character study as well as a pristine portrait of late 19th-century England".

It stars Christopher Eccleston as Jude, opposite Kate Winslet's "thoroughly modern" Sue. Winslet said yesterday: "If Hardy was alive, he would be kissing Michael Winterbottom's feet. He has told the story Hardy was trying to tell but suffered because it was so heavily criticised."

Colin Leventhal, of Channel 4 Films, spoke with excitement about *The Woodlanders*, which has a £4.5 million budget with Phil Agland making his debut as a feature-film director. "Hardy is a modern writer for his time," he said, adding that he was drawn to the novel by the combination of a great story and universal themes. "This is a story that is still strongly contemporary — the isolation of an enclosed community from the fast-changing outside world."

Although Hardy is beginning to steal some of the limelight, Austen's love affair with film-makers is not quite over. A new production of *Emma*, the comedy of love and misunderstanding, is being premiered in Cannes.

Thomas Hardy, whose rising star now outshines Jane Austen in the Hollywood firmament

ROBIN MAYES

Christina Tonitto of Sotheby's with the Swarbrick Nun. The doll, which spent most of its 350 years in a box, is expected to fetch £60,000

Persecution puts a high price on the model nun who turned out to be a hidden treasure

BY ALAN HAMILTON
AND JOHN VINCENT

FEW lifeless wooden dolls can have seen so much life as the one expected to fetch £60,000 when it is auctioned at Sotheby's next week.

The 14in doll, dressed in the stiff cotton wimple and black woollen habit of a Jesuit order of nuns she has worn since 1680, is a potent reminder of Catholic persecution in late 17th-century England. Rarity has combined with history to inflate her worth: only 22 other similar examples are known in the world.

Hidden in a wooden box from the prying eyes of religious zealots, the doll — which is known as the Swarbrick Nun — was smuggled out of England and back again, and has since been in the care of the same Lancashire family for nearly 300 years. Sotheby's experts have found that the doll was given to a small girl from the Swarbrick family, devout Roman Catholics of Swarbrick Hall, Singleton, Lancashire, in the mid-17th century, during or soon after the rule of Cromwell's equally devout Protestant Commonwealth.

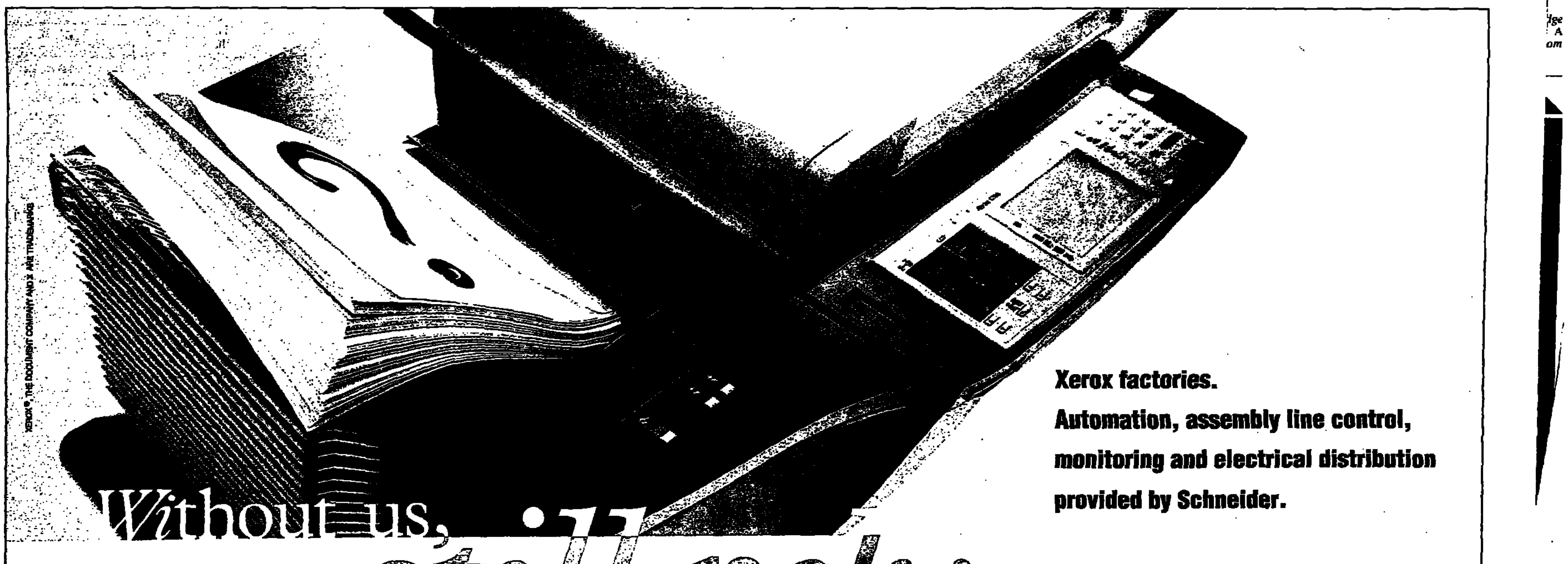
Because of strong anti-Catholic feeling, the girl — whose Christian name is unknown — and her brother James were smuggled out of the country to be educated at a Catholic seminary at Douai in northern France, and later in Rome. The girl took the doll with her.

James Swarbrick became a Jesuit priest and his sister became a nun. She dressed the doll like herself and when her brother returned to England in 1680 she concealed the toy in a wooden box for him to smuggle home, so that their mother could see how her daughter was dressed. The doll was successfully returned to Swarbrick Hall. Taking the doll with him, James Swarbrick later stayed with another of his sisters, Alice, and her husband Richard Gillow at their home near Lancaster, where misfortune befell him. In 1717, two years after the Old Pretender's unsuccessful rising to regain the British throne for the Catholic Stuarts, the Gillows' house was searched and Swarbrick was thrown into Lancaster Castle on suspicion of being a Popish priest.

Swarbrick died in prison on the eve of his execution, at the age of 77, and became known as one of the Lancashire Martyrs. Gillow was also arrested, dragged before the justices at Preston and convicted of being a recusant — failing to be a regular attender at the Church of England. He died soon afterwards. But the doll survived and remained in the Gillow family until recently. Bunny Campione, Sotheby's doll specialist, said yesterday that the toy, which became something of a religious icon, was the work of an unidentified but highly skilled English craftsman of the mid-17th century. Twenty-two other examples of his work were known to be in private hands or museums.

"All 23 have the same look and are undoubtedly by the same hand. It is extremely unlikely that one will come on the market again. This one has a wonderfully exciting history. But for all her adventures she has a tender, saintly, knowing look, as if she is about to give Benediction.

"There is a real atmosphere about her when you pick her up. You feel that she has seen a great deal of life but remains pure and innocent. What makes her so interesting is that she is still wearing the Jesuit habit after all this time." The doll will be auctioned on May 22.



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Bonn is shaken by euro rebellion among Kohl allies

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

BATTLELINES have been drawn over European monetary union in the Free Democratic Party, a key partner in the ruling coalition of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor. The row looks set to rattle the Bonn Government as it plods unsteadily towards meeting the Maastricht entry criteria for a single currency.

The argument among the Free Democrats could hardly have come at a worse time: European Commission figures, due to be released tomorrow, are likely to show that Bonn will miss at least one of its EMU targets in the critical year of 1997. The Commission forecast suggests — as German sources confirmed yesterday — that both Germany and France will not be able to bring their deficit down to 3 per cent of total output.

The forecast is providing ammunition to the Euro-sceptic wing of the Free Democrats, which is demanding that the Government negotiate further treaties to ensure the lasting stability of the future European currency. The group, Liberal Offensive, is insisting on steps towards a political union before Germany embarks on monetary union. The group is lobbying to get next month's party congress to approve the principle of a party referendum on EMU.

This idea has triggered panic in the Free Democrat leadership. Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister and one of three key Free Democrat ministers in the Cabinet, said: "There can be no renationalisation of European policy."

The Social Democrats, he said, had tried to play the Euro-sceptic card in regional elections in Baden-Württemberg in March and had lost votes. For the small Free Democratic Party, on the cusp of the 5 per cent needed for parliamentary representation, any serious loss of vote would spell oblivion.

Among the party's right wing, there has long been some degree of Euro-scepticism. In part, they are reluctant to see a strong mark surrendered for a weak euro. But there is also a powerful faction committed to German national sovereignty.

The dissidents are campaigning for a delay in the introduction of EMU. If the party backs them in an internal referendum, the protest could spread to other coalition partners — the Christian Democrats and the Bavarian Christian Social Union.

While German big business seems to be moving towards a 1999 start-up for EMU, conservative politicians in all parties are urging a delay rather than a flexible interpretation of entry criteria.

Kinkel: face set against demands of dissidents

German unions step up strikes

BY ROGER BOYES

GERMANY'S dustmen were yesterday preparing to join other workers in lightning nationwide strikes after fruitless talks between the Government and the public sector unions.

Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, and his Cabinet are urging calm on the increasingly angry unions, fearful that workers will take to the streets against spending cuts as they did in France last autumn.

There can be no more powerful threat to civic calm in Germany than a dustmen's strike. Only yesterday the German recycling agency was bragging that Germany has become "world champion" in the rubbish disposal league. Each German recycled 65.5 kg (144 lb) of rubbish last year — that is 77 per cent of all household packaging.

So far the public service protests are at the level of "warning strikes" — usually lasting only one or two shifts and switching from city to city. German postal workers in Munich, Stuttgart, Berlin and other cities were refusing to deliver mail yesterday. Bus and tram drivers are coming out in other towns.

It is the dustmen who can bring Germany to its knees. They, along with 3.2 million other public sector workers, want a wage rise of 4.5 per cent but would give ground in return for job guarantees. The Government is offering no wage increase and is seeking cuts in holiday entitlement.

Dieter Schulte, head of the German trade union federation, last night issued a warning of a "hot summer" of industrial protest with strikes in the offing by airport workers and banks as well as train and tram drivers.

Paris and Madrid in informal EU pact

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN
IN MADRID

IN AN informal pact that could isolate Britain still further in Europe, Spain has promised France "maximum co-ordination" and support in all future European Union negotiations.

According to Spanish diplomatic sources, the agreement was concluded last Thursday by Abel Matutes, the Spanish Foreign Minister, and Hervé de Charette, his French counterpart, in private talks held during a meeting of the Mediterranean Forum in Ravello, near Naples.

The agreement was sought by M de Charette, and was made to ensure the strengthening of the Franco-German axis within the EU. In the aftermath of the Italian elections, which returned that country's first left-wing Government, France appears to have turned to the conservative Spanish administration of José Maria Aznar for a reliable European ally.

M de Charette, said to be perturbed by the "slackening" of the Maastricht process and by "the poor results" at the Turin Inter-Government Conference in March, sought and received guarantees of Spanish co-operation in future EU negotiations, particularly in regard to the reform of the Maastricht treaty and the admission of new member states.

In exchange the agreement gives Spain the promise of greater French involvement in the cross-border fight against Basque terrorism and "a strengthening still further of bilateral ties".

Madrid has for long complained that France's co-operation in the fight against Eta has been less than wholehearted.

Although details of the agreement have not been made public, it is likely that the French have accepted in principle the long-standing Spanish request that its police be given the right of hot pursuit into France of suspected Basque terrorists.

Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist presidential candidate, is surrounded by bodyguards after a campaign rally in Nizhny Novgorod at the weekend

Heat goes out of Russia spy row

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL
IN MOSCOW

WHAT had promised to be a serious spy row between Moscow and London appeared to be fizzling out yesterday a week after the Russian intelligence services threatened a mass expulsion of British Embassy diplomats.

A Russian Foreign Ministry official said on Sunday that "the subject is closed", leading Tass to comment that the issue would probably be resolved through diplomatic channels.

The British Embassy would say only that "there are no new developments. Discussion continue." There were no top-level meetings between the two sides yesterday and there appeared to be no imminent threat of expulsions.

The playing down of the affair probably owes as much to a dispute within the Russian Government as to talks with the British side, which threatened tit-for-tat expulsions of Russian diplomats from London. Russian counter-intelligence made much of the accusations at first. But the more pro-Western Foreign Ministry refused to confirm the spy story and put the brakes on.

A source in the Foreign Ministry told the Interfax news agency yesterday that the alleged British spy was a middle-ranking Russian diplomat. "He is a fairly young man and had bright prospects," the source said.

Pope's attacker asks Vatican to intercede

FROM RICHARD OWEN
IN ROME

MEHMET ALI AGCA, the Turkish gunman who tried to kill the Pope, yesterday marked the fifteenth anniversary of the assassination attempt by appealing to his victim to set him free.

However, the Vatican said John Paul II had already pardoned Agca twice and had even visited him in prison, and had no intention of intervening.

The Pope, who was shot in the stomach and hand, has recently suffered mysterious intestinal ailments apparently linked to the murder attempt and subsequent emergency surgery. His injured hand still trembles uncontrollably.

In an often-rambling television interview from his prison cell in Ancona, Agca, who is now 38, gave a vivid account of events at St Peter's Square on May 13, 1981. He said he had almost given up his assassination attempt when the Pope made a second circuit of the square during his weekly audience.

"When the Pope went round the first time I thought it was all over. I thought to myself, I may as well go back to Switzerland and start a new life," Agca said. "But then he was in front of me, and an invisible supernatural force urged me on." He opened fire in "a desperate attempt to make history".

Agca said he was asking the Vatican to persuade Italy to release him. "I am not asking for clemency, I am asking for justice," he said. "I have served my sentence and paid for my mistakes, which I acknowledge," he said. "I am not a danger to society. I can be of use to the world."

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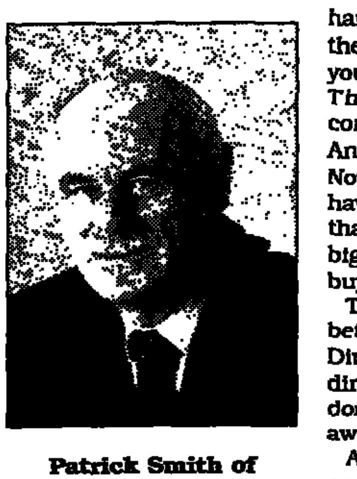

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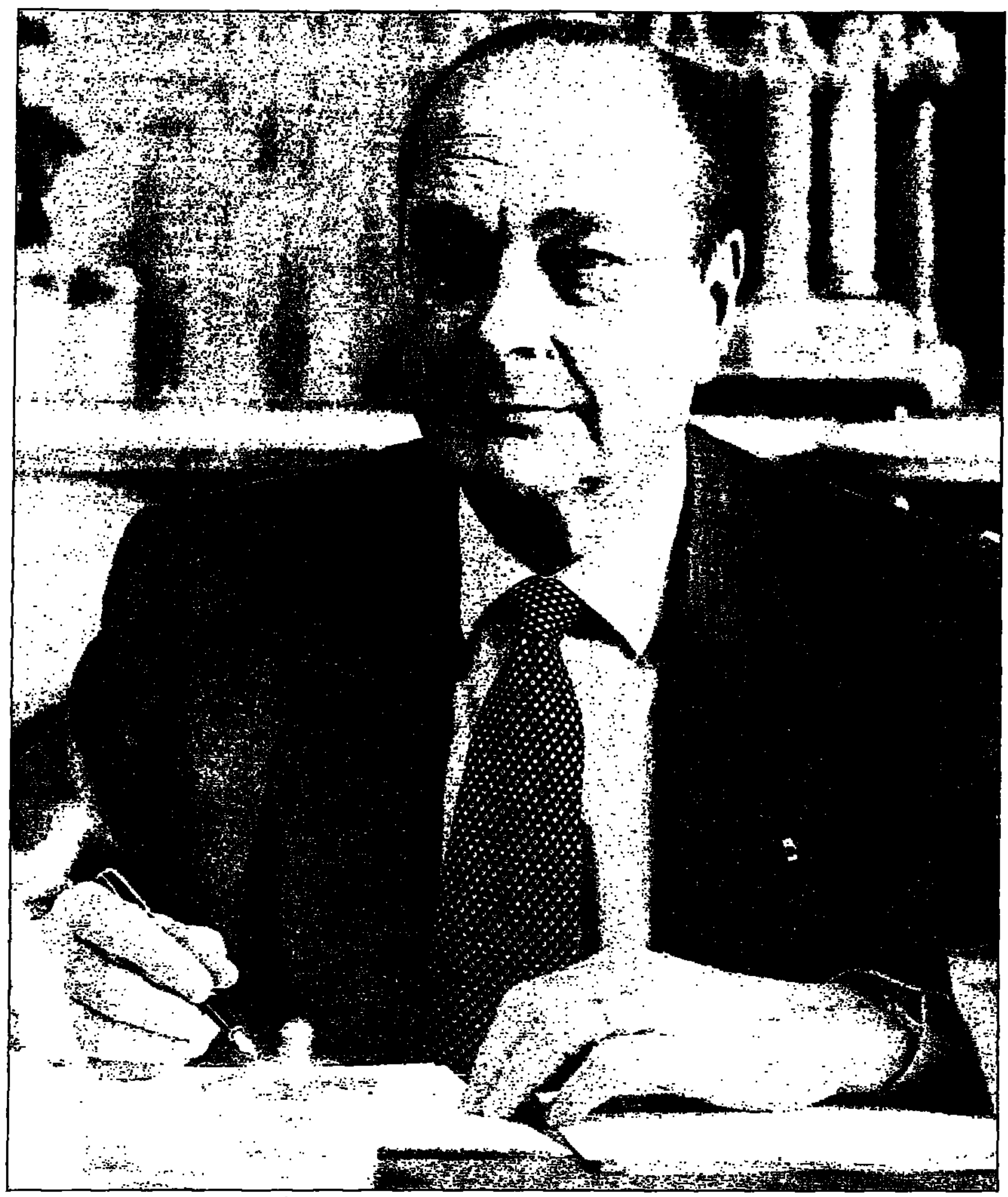
Chirac rekindles Entente Cordiale

French President pursues his love affair with Britain

Jacques Chirac, the republican with a penchant for royalty, arrives in Britain in a conciliatory mood, writes ***Ben Macintyre*** *from Paris*



President Chirac in his office at the Elysée as he prepares for his state visit to Britain that starts today

RELAXING in his study at the Elysée Palace in Paris on Sunday night, Jacques Chirac recalled the moment when, as an awestruck boy of 16, he stood in a crowd welcoming King George VI and the young royal princesses as they toured the shipyards of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Today, nearly half a century later, the man who is now President of France will encounter the same royal sisters from a rather different perspective when he is greeted at Waterloo station by Princess Margaret. He will then be driven in a carriage procession along the Mall after royal salutes are fired from the Tower of London and Green Park for a private lunch with the Queen at Buckingham Palace.

Before his three-day state visit to Britain, M Chirac granted a rare audience in his office during which he reflected on the increasingly warm ties between Britain and France as well as his fond memories of postwar Britain. The President expressed sympathy for the plight of British cattle farmers and said France would back any relaxation of the beef ban approved at a European level.

The Franco-British alliance is as vital to France as its relationship with Germany, M Chirac said, adding that recently he had urged Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, to show European solidarity with Britain over the beef crisis.

For a republican, M Chirac has a strong admiration for royalty and, as a Frenchman, an equally unlikely affinity for all things British.

In an exchange arranged by his parents, the young Chirac travelled to Britain for a month every year between the ages of 16 and 20 to stay with the family of John King, a boy of the same age who lived in Rochester in Kent. It was Mr King's father, an executive in the shipbuilding industry, who arranged for the French youth to witness the royal visit to the shipyards at Newcastle upon Tyne.

M Chirac travelled widely during his British holidays, staying in YMCA hostels at Edinburgh and at Windermere, experiences that left him with a firm grounding in English, an appreciation of the British countryside and, he said, an enduring taste for *le fish and chips* eaten out of newspaper.

Where his predecessors have tended to view "perfidious Albion" with at least residual suspicion, M Chirac is openly Anglophile, and Sunday's informal discussion left no doubt that he intends his presidency to mark a fresh blossoming of the Entente Cordiale. Relations between France and Britain, particularly in the area of defence co-operation, have reached a new level of solidarity, the President said. He applauded what he called the efficiency of the British armed forces and had especially warm praise for what he called the intelligence and strong leadership of John Major, the Prime Minister, with whom he has a close personal understanding.

> ‘Chirac did not rule out a *ménage à trois* at the heart of Europe’

However, he added that the crucial importance of the Franco-British link was enough to ensure a good working relationship with whatever party was in power.

When it was pointed out that he would soon be sitting down to eat British roast beef with the Queen, a meat still banned in France, he laughed, then said the prospect was one he relished. The French decision to ban British beef was not made unilaterally, he said, adding that Paris would support a European decision to lift the ban on beef tallow, gelatine and semen being discussed by the European Union veterinary committee tomorrow.

Pointing to his own roots in a rural region of France largely dependent on cattle farming, M Chirac said he understood the distress of producers on both sides of the Channel. At the same time he maintained that the swift European ban on beef had prevented still greater panic among consumers.

In the same vein he sought to play down the differences between France and Britain over Europe, saying repeatedly that a united Europe without Britain would be unthinkable. Britain's reservations on Europe must be taken into account, he said, adding that he believes that Britain will join a single European currency with Germany and France.

The Franco-German relationship remains central to French thinking, but M Chirac was at pains to suggest that that hallowed marriage does not preclude what might be called a "ménage à trois" at the heart of Europe, with France balanced between Germany and Britain.

Almost a million British soldiers perished on French soil in two world wars, M Chirac said, noting that military co-operation in Bosnia, the decision to create a professional French army on the British model, similar thinking on the reform of Nato and the new Franco-British Air Group have all contributed to a new era of understanding.

The President had particularly glowing praise for what he termed the great "elegance" shown by Britain in not condemning the French resumption of nuclear testing, contrasting the civilised attitude of London with the response of other European allies.

The President also expressed admiration for the tightly controlled and well regulated British economy and said he would be discussing issues such as deregulation and more flexible working methods with business leaders in the City during his stay.

The contradictions in M Chirac's thinking that have dogged his first year in office, notably his expressed desire for ever closer European unity at the same time as a "Europe of nations", have not yet disappeared.

But this week, when he tours the depressed Glasgow neighbourhood of Easterhouse, addresses Parliament and lays a wreath at the Charles de Gaulle memorial, Britain may discover a French leader more attuned to British culture (and humour) and perhaps better equipped to deal with the complex cross-Channel currents than any President since the founding of the Fifth Republic.

Old animosities change, he said, laughing off the periodic "Frog-bashing" in parts of the British media and recalling that his parents' generation once routinely referred to Germans as the "Boches".

When asked whether, as a tabloid newspaper once reported, he had ever remarked during a summit that Margaret Thatcher "wanted his balls on a plate", the President emitted another guffaw, emphatically denied saying any such thing, and then grinned, as if he rather wished he had.

Serious differences remain, but no man knows better how symbolism can help to heal the most ancient scars. Today M Chirac will alight from a scheduled Eurostar train in a station named after one of France's most devastating military defeats at British hands, before eating a meal containing food banned by his own Government.

He might well have preferred *le fish and chips*, but M Chirac will be much too tactful to say so.

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Elysée's new tenant opts for grandeur

By Ben Macintyre

THE contrasting personal styles of the late President Mitterrand and his Gaullist successor are reflected in the interior of the Elysée Palace.

M Chirac has ejected the modern furniture that was commissioned by Mitterrand, returning the interior to the elegant look of de Gaulle's era.

Where Mitterrand favoured angular modern constructions by such celebrated designers as Philippe Starck, M Chirac has brought back the grander look of an earlier age with Louis XV chairs and intricately patterned upholstery. Almost every piece of furniture in the Elysee now boasts a carved, gilded animal and clawed feet, and the only obvious concession to modernity is a large television in the corner of the President's office.

Perhaps the most telling tribute to his political mentor is M Chirac's decision to do away with the table created for Mitterrand by French designer Pierre Paulin in favour of the massive leather-topped Louis XV-style desk used by de Gaulle.

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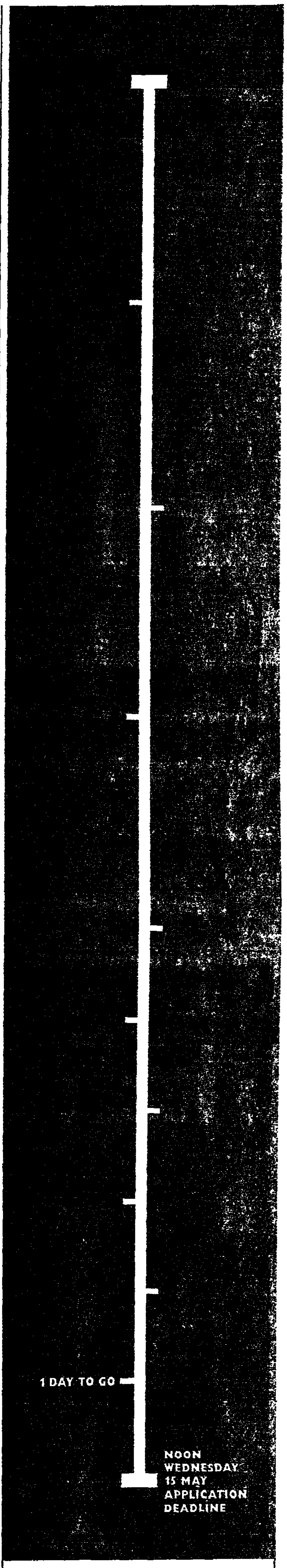
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Helicopter saves Everest survivor at 20,000 ft

Veteran climber tells wife 'don't worry' before dying

By Michael Horsnell and Ronald Faux

Seaborne Weathers, the American survivor, lands in Kathmandu yesterday after his rescue by helicopter

ROB HALL, the leading mountaineer, bade a poignant farewell to his pregnant wife by radio before dying of frostbite near the summit of Mount Everest, it was disclosed last night.

The news came as Seaborne Weathers, the American climber initially believed to have died in the blizzard, descended to a 20,000 ft pass, where a helicopter picked him up — the highest such rescue on record. "I am OK. I'm better now," said Mr Weathers, 49, from Dallas, after he was flown to Kathmandu by a Nepalese army helicopter chartered by the US Embassy.

Mr Weathers, who was part of a Swedish expedition, suffered facial burns from high winds and severe frostbite on both hands. The storm struck as Mr Weathers was only 400 ft from the summit, forcing him to squat on a rocky ledge without oxygen or anything to drink.

Mr Hall, a New Zealander, was one of eight feared dead by the harsh conditions on the famed 29,028 ft mountain as the climbing season takes off in treacherous weather. With mountaineering "tourists" paying more than £40,000 a head following the relaxation of numerical limits by the Nepalese Government, experienced climbers believe too many are being allowed on the mountain at any one time. Mr Hall, 35, the only Westerner to have climbed Everest five times, and his countryman, Andrew Harris, 31, who also perished, were leading an expedition of paying clients organised by Adventure Consultants.

The two other victims from the New Zealand expedition were a Japanese woman, Yasuko Nanba, 47, viewed as her country's finest female mountaineer, and an American, Douglas Hansen, 44.

The New Zealand Press Association said eight climbers in all, from three separate expeditions, were believed killed as bad weather set in on their descent from the mountain. Amid confusion about the death toll, reports in New Zealand said the other victims included three Indian climbers — an expedition is being launched to search for their bodies — and a climber with a Taiwanese group.

Hailing the rescue of Mr Weathers, Geoff Gabites, chief executive of the Adventure Tourism Council,said in Christchurch that it was the highest helicopter rescue on record. The missing climbers were presumed to be above 28,000 ft "and it's just not possible to have a helicopter operating at that area", he said. At that altitude the atmosphere is too thin for helicopter rotors to function. Nepal has no rescue procedures for climbers in danger, and requires each expedition to take responsibility for its own safety.

Rob Hall and his wife, Jan Arnold, celebrating in Christchurch after their Everest climb in 1993

Mr Hall was last heard from on Saturday night when a radio operator connected him to his pregnant wife, Jan Arnold, in New Zealand. His assistant, Madeleine David, said in Christchurch that, according to his last message, he was trapped above 25,200 ft, frostbitten with no tent or sleeping bag and almost no oxygen, fluids or food.

Ms David said the Everest veteran told his wife, seven months pregnant, with whom he scaled the mountain in 1993, he was hopeful. "He said: 'Hey, look, don't worry about me.' The man knew that there was an expedition, a rescue launched for him," said Ms David. "Various other people in the expedition teams who had two-way radio were encouraging him, talking to him, and it seemed like he was in reasonably good spirits."

Friends were convinced he would have made it down the mountain but stayed behind to help the sick Hansen.

But Colin Monteath, a family friend, said: "The assumption has now been made that he did not survive a second night on Everest."

Peter Hillary, son of the Everest conqueror, Sir Edmund Hillary, said Hall would have known he was likely to die when he was forced to camp without a tent or sleeping bag just below the summit.

He said Mr Hall would have realised that things were "very grim" when he had to spend the night exposed to a blizzard with the ailing Hansen.

"A bivouac without equipment 150 meters below the summit in bad weather means at the very least you're going to get frostbite, and it could go right through to death," Mr Hillary said. "He knew that."

Six other clients, one guide and two sherpas from the New Zealand party made their way to a camp lower down the mountain.

Steve Bell, managing director of Himalayan Kingdoms Expeditions, the Sheffield-based company that offers guided attempts on Everest, described the deaths as a disaster waiting to happen.

"So many teams are now trying to reach the summit and relying on a hope that the weather will remain fair," he said. "Someone was bound to be caught out one day."

Mr Hall was "tremendously experienced, the top man on the planet" for guiding in the Himalayas, Mr Bell said. "I have immense respect for him, but on a mountain as high as Everest it doesn't matter that you have been climbing one year or 20 years, those storms are vile and if you are caught in one it will kill you."

Himalayan Kingdoms has one expedition on the Chinese face of Everest with three guides and seven clients attempting the summit, among them the actor, Brian Blessed. About 20 companies around the world organise climbing expeditions to the Himalayas, although climbers must accept that if it becomes clear they do not have the skill or stamina to make the attempt they may be turned back without a refund.

Andy MacNae, national officer of the British Mountaineering Council, said pressure caused by the number of teams attempting Everest was a danger. "There are just too many people climbing, particularly when you have a mountain that is a honey-pot like Everest. Although it is technically a straightforward climb, when the weather suddenly turns bad it becomes a very different proposition, a serious fight for survival."

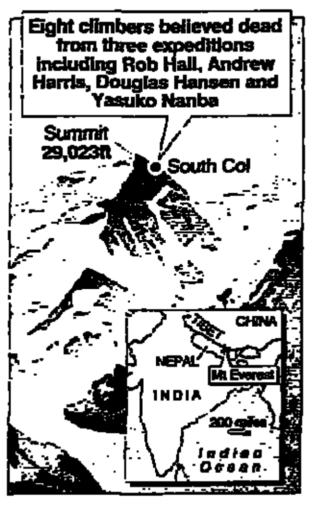
The mountain has claimed more than 100 people since it was conquered in 1953. Thirty mountaineers were on Everest when the latest storm struck on Friday, bringing temperatures of 40 below zero F and whipping winds. Twenty-two climbers were treated on the mountain for frostbite and other injuries and were continuing their descent, according to Jeff Herr, of *Outside Online*, a magazine published on the Internet that has monitored one of the trapped expeditions.

Among the teams now on Everest is an American-led expedition making an IMAX giant screen film of an ascent via the South Col.

A solitary Swede, Goran Kropp, 29, cycled from Stockholm to the Everest base camp. He climbed without oxygen or sherpa assistance and, avoiding fixed ropes, reached just beneath the south summit before turning back because of the dangerous snow conditions.

Jamling Tenzing, son of Sherpa Tenzing Norgay, who was first to climb Everest in 1953 with Hillary, hopes to reach the top ten years after his father's death.

The Nepal Mountaineering Association has organised an expedition to shift 1,500 kg of garbage from the mountain, which now has a permanent lavatory at base camp.



Eight climbers believed dead from three expeditions including Rob Hall, Andrew Harris, Douglas Hansen and Yasuko Nanba

WORLD SUMMARY

Refugees guarded at Ghana quayside

Takoradi: *Thousands of sick* and dying Liberian war refugees stranded on a freighter for the past week left the ship under military guard in this Ghanaian port yesterday and were being kept in guarded quayside tents.

Port officials said the Nigerian cargo ship *Bulk Challenger* returned to dock after a generator failure forced her to stop as she tried to leave the port. They estimated it could take three days for repairs. Ghana said the ship would have to take her passengers back to Monrovia.

A second vessel, packed with 700 refugees from Liberia and Sierra Leone fleeing renewed clashes in Monrovia, moved closer to Freetown harbour in Sierra Leone yesterday, although local officials said thaat she had no authority to dock. *(Reuter)*

Israeli shot dead in West Bank

Jerusalem: Palestinian gunmen shot dead one Jew and wounded another in a drive-by shooting in the occupied West Bank (Christopher Walker writes). The gunmen, who earlier fired at an armour-plated bus carrying Jewish settlers, struck as Israeli security forces were on maximum alert for threatened Arab attacks to coincide with elections on May 29. Twenty-four hours earlier Hezbollah wounded five Israeli soldiers in southern Lebanon.

Leader dies

Lagos: Nnamdi Azikiwe, first President of Nigeria, has died at 91. He was President from 1963 to 1966; Nigeria became a republic in 1963, three years after independence. *(AFP)*

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'Black box' hunt

New York: Hopes grew that the "black box" of the ValuJet DC9, that crashed in the Florida Everglades with the loss of 109 lives, could be retrieved as workers found the jet's tail in the swamp.

Balcony deaths

Nairobi: At least 14 people were killed and five injured when the balcony of a dilapidated building which houses a supermarket collapsed in the Kenyan capital, police and witnesses said. *(Reuter)*

Serb in custody

The Hague: *Goran Lajic*, a Bosnian Serb charged with war crimes by the international criminal tribunal here, was handed over to United Nations authorities by Germany, the court said. *(AFP)*

Barry returns

Washington: Marion Barry, Mayor of Washington, has returned to work, ending the leave which sparked rumours he had relapsed into the drug abuse that drove him from office six years ago. *(AFP)*

£1.5m sweetener

Cairo: Egypt is to pay more than £1.5 million compensation to farmers whose sugar cane fields were cut down by police to flush out Muslim militants hiding in them, press reports said. *(AFP)*

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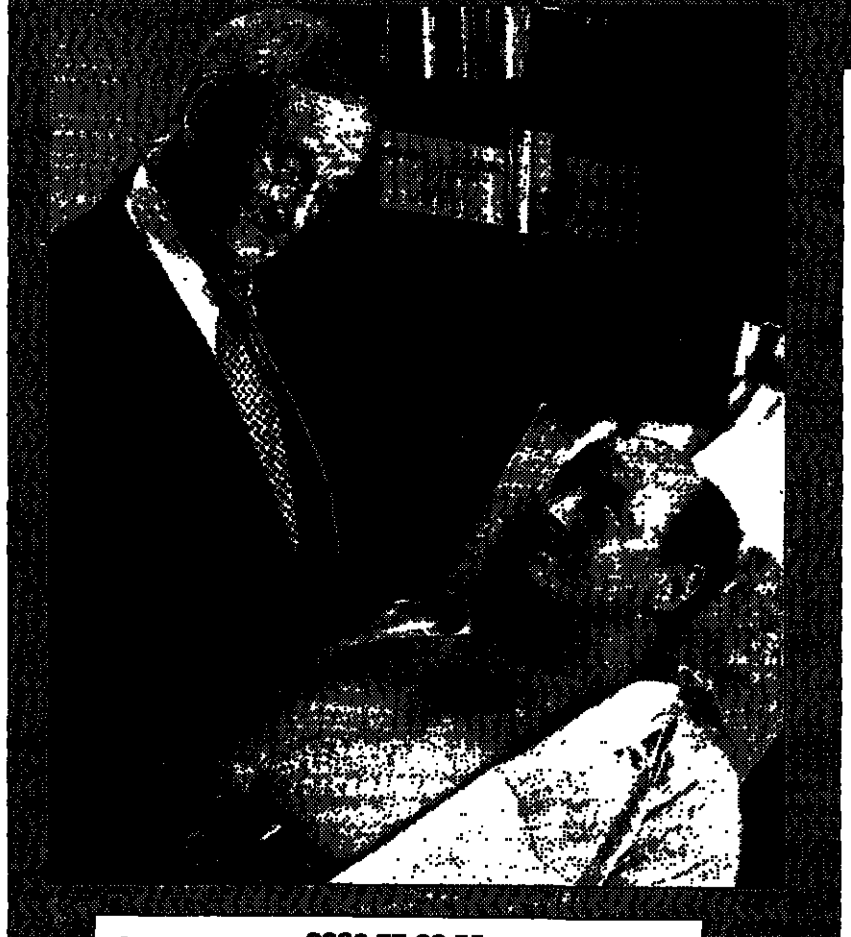

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Gore dogs Clinton tracks in White House trial run

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

PRESIDENT CLINTON is not the only man in the White *House battling for the Oval* Office. Al Gore, the Vice-President, is using Mr Clinton's re-election campaign to lay the strongest possible foundations for his own presidential bid in 2000.

Mr Gore has secured key jobs for his own men. He has *focused* on initiatives that should come to fruition over the next four years. He is wooing the union movement that presently incline towards Richard Gephardt, the more liberal House minority leader who is likely to be Mr Gore's main rival for the next Democratic *nomination*.

A Gephardt adviser suggested Mr Gore's strategy was to create for himself an "aura of inevitability" that would virtually preclude challenges.

Mr Gore, a former Tennessee senator, sought the Democratic nomination in 1988 but stood aside in 1992 because his son was recovering from a *near-fatal road accident. He is* now scarcely bothering to conceal his presidential ambition, telling *The New York Times*: "I'm not actively discouraging the idea, but neither am I obsessed with it." To a *friend* who began a sentence: "If you run …" Mr Gore insisted: "Oh, I'm running."

Mr Gore can count on Mr Clinton's support if he is re-elected. In public he has been a loyal and self-effacing deputy, even during the darkest days of late 1994 when most Democrats despaired of Mr Clinton. In private Mr Gore has been an *influential* adviser.

Mr Gore has used his clout to stock the Clinton campaign and Administration with allies who will form the nucleus of his own team in 2000. They include Peter Knight, Mr Clinton's campaign manager.

In the policy field Mr Gore has lavished attention on issues *likely to be centre-stage by the* century's end — the environment, creating a nationwide "information super-highway", and modernising government.

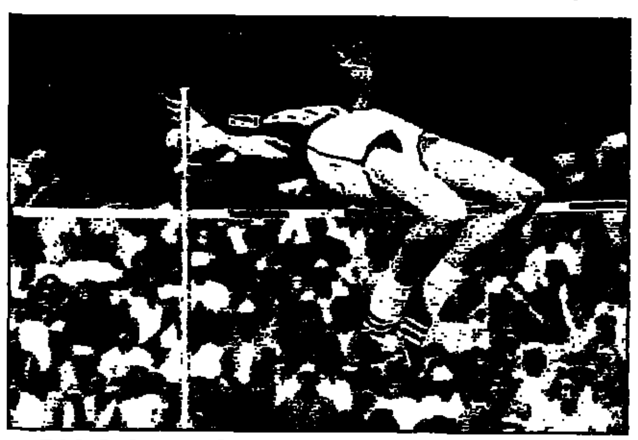
Finally, he has been careering around the country, raising money for fellow Democrats and so putting them in his debt.

Mr Gore has weaknesses as a candidate. Droll in private, his stiffness in public has spawned countless jokes. His delivery is wooden, and he could *not* possibly be described as inspirational.

But if Mr Clinton wins in November, Mr Gore will automatically become the Democratic frontrunner for 2000. That is what he has planned. An aide recalled: "I remember going through [with him] the number of Vice-Presidents who became President. There were 14."

Sports stars coached on patent law

From Quentin Letts
in New York



Dick Fosbury performing the jump that bears his name

DICK FOSBURY, the high jumper who invented the "Fosbury flop", would be a millionaire today under a proposal from a US lawyer that sportsmen patent their best-known moves.

Robert Kunstadt, a senior Manhattan lawyer, urged athletes taking part in next *month's Atlanta Olympics to* legally protect their sporting innovations. It is a proposal that could bring chaos to the playing field, but earn fortunes for sports stars.

Mr Kunstadt, who will publish his proposal next week in the *National Law Journal*, said yesterday that he has already received inquiries from leading sportsmen and women who are curious about how to capitalise on their innovations. Sports such as gymnastics, baseball and basketball are rich in opportunities, he said, and protection could be sought under existing laws.

A basketball player, such as Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls, who has a distinctive way of approaching the hoop, would stand to benefit, as would Kareem Abdul Jabbar, formerly of the Los Angeles Lakers, who invented the "sky hook" scoring shot. Bob Cousy, formerly of the Boston Celtics, could have made a great deal of money from his *much-copied behind-the-back* basketball pass.

"At least three forms of intellectual property protection might be used to secure rights in sports moves — copyright, patent and and trademark," Mr Kunstadt said. "Sports stars are not properly protecting their interests at present."

Gymnasts could easily cite the widespread use of copyright law in protecting dance *and choreography steps*, he said. Protection could also be demanded by, for instance, the skier who comes up with a particular stance or the wrestler who invents an effective hold.

"Sportsmen deserve more security, and coaches and trainers are often unrewarded," he said. It would be up to umpires and referees to stop a player using an unlicensed move.

Dick Fosbury himself replied that he was not interested in making money out of sport. For other sports innovators of the past, such as Mark Spitz with his double-jointed butterfly swimming stroke, it is probably already too late to capitalise.

For patent law to apply, real inventiveness had to be proved, said Mr Kunstadt, but trademark and copyright laws might be used to safeguard characteristic moves.

Mr Kunstadt, who has in the past represented the US Olympic Committee, added that patent protection could relieve the pressure for state funding of sports as it would generate large sums.

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ANC favourites fill Cabinet as critics turn on Mandela

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT MANDELA, facing scathing criticism of his personal leadership and Government's performance, yesterday attempted to consolidate the African National Congress's grip on power by rewarding favourite ministers with portfolios abandoned by the National Party.

He has come under mounting pressure to personally restore faith in the battered South African economy. "It is a small but significant way of contributing to the programme of belt-tightening," he said.

Mr Mandela's Cabinet reshuffle came a day after the fiercest, most personal attack on his leadership had appeared in the South African media since the ANC leader took power two years ago. Ken Owen, the distinguished former editor of Johannesburg's *Sunday Times*, said in a signed article headlined "Too much patting of children's heads" that it was high time Mr Mandela stopped celebrating and got on with the job at hand.

"How he does it is his own business," Mr Owen wrote in a leading article. "But I do suggest it is time he took matters seriously."

The article raised the spectre of devastating "stop-go" economics unless Mr Mandela moved swiftly to stamp his authority on the Government and reassure investors.

Mr Owen continued: "He [Mr Mandela] has done far too much travelling abroad. He has made far too many conciliatory gestures. He has basked far too long in the adulation of the masses, and he has patted far too many children's heads. It is time he devoted himself to his job, which is to govern."

Until recently it seemed South Africans has been almost afraid to criticise Mr Mandela, such is the awe in which he is held. The country's media has generally treated the President with kid gloves and fear of criticism has stifled constructive debate.

Increasingly, however, the mood appears to be shifting as concern grows among South Africans about the devaluation of the rand, waning investor confidence and financial insecurity.

Mr Mandela's recent dismissive comments as the value of the rand was plummeting, suggesting that everything would come right without offering any tangible solutions, infuriated key figures in the white-dominated business community. A Johannesburg talk show was deluged yesterday with calls from disgruntled whites commenting on the President's performance. While praising Mr Mandela's efforts at reconciliation, the callers were generally critical of his performance as a politician.

"Mr Mandela is being held to ransom by the trade unions," screamed a white Johannesburg housewife. Several suggested he was out of touch with the day-to-day workings of government and demanded firmer leadership.

In last night's announcement Mr Mandela said the General Services portfolio is to be scrapped and the Agriculture amd Land ministries merged. The new minister is to be Derek Hannekom, a former ANC spokesman on agriculture.

Four new ministers were appointed to fill posts left vacant following the withdrawal of the National Party from the Government of National Unity last week. Mohammed Valli Moosa takes over from Roelf Meyer as Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development Minister. The other new ministers are Pallo Jordan, Penuell Maduna and Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi.

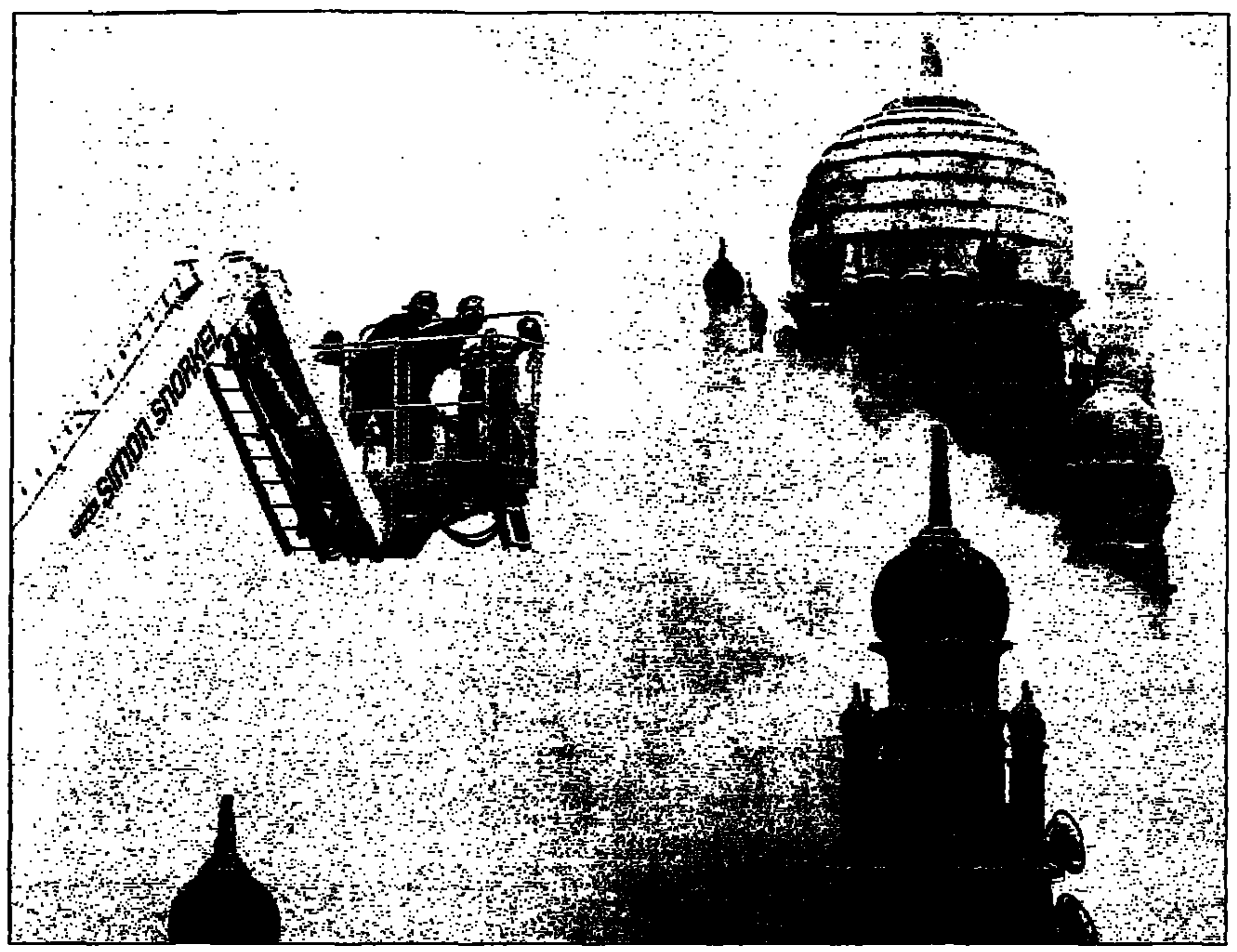
☐ **Trek continues:** The number of white South Africans emigrating, particularly to Australia and Britain, is increasing, a spokeswoman for the Government's statistics service said yesterday.

South African emigration increased by 22 per cent in January of this year, compared with the same month last year, according to Alida Casteleijn, a researcher with the Central Statistical Service.

The most popular destinations in January were Australia, with 463 emigrants, and Britain, with 224. South African emigrants to New Zealand numbered 223, significantly lower than previous years.

The United States was the fourth most popular destination, with 130 emigrants in January. About one-sixth of those leaving South Africa are classified as professionals or semi-professionals, among them many doctors. *(AFP)*

Michael Caine as F.W.de Klerk and Sidney Poitier as Nelson Mandela filming in Cape Towm yesterday



Firefighters tackling a big blaze yesterday at the general post office in Bombay, a Raj-era landmark of the city

Coalition rebuff for Rao

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN DELHI

AN alliance of centre and left-wing Indian parties has ruled out participation in a coalition government with the Congress Party of the outgoing Prime Minister, P.V. Narasimha Rao.

The decision was announced separately yesterday by the centrist Janata Dal (People's Party) and the Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M), the two main components of the alliance known as the National Front-Left Front.

In a statement, the CPI-M said it was ready to support a government that did not include the Congress or the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP, Indian People's Party), but it would not be a member of a coalition.

Prakash Karat, of the CPI-M, said the party had passed a resolution during a meeting of its central committee in Delhi yesterday supporting the formation of a "non-Congress, non-BJP government".

China 'will follow Hong Kong road'

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

ANSON CHAN, the Chief Secretary and Deputy Governor of Hong Kong, predicted yesterday that China would eventually adopt Hong Kong's democratic political system.

Speaking to Commonwealth MPs here, she said: "There will come a stage when the gap, whether in economic or political institutions, between China and Hong Kong will close and close very rapidly ... By 100 years after 1997, maybe it will be one country, one system — and Hong Kong's system at that."

Ms Chan — who is not boycotted by Chinese officials, like Chris Patten, the Governor — normally talks of Hong Kong and China "setting aside their differences". But yesterday she made plain to her Commonwealth guests that, unlike their histories, Hong Kong was not moving towards independence; next year it would come under the rule of a second "metropolitan power" with different values.

With slightly more than 400 days to go before July 1, 1997, when Britain hands over sovereignty of the colony to China, she gave a warning that the people of Hong Kong would have to "unite to defend the autonomy and freedoms which have been promised to us and make them work".

Echoing Mr Patten's frequent comment that China's allies in the colony fail to inform Peking of the realities behind Hong Kong's success, the Chief Secretary urged those "who have dealings with China to be more prepared to stand up to defend and to explain our autonomy."

☐ **Peking:** China expelled two British tourists who entered and took photographs in southwestern Sichuan, an area off-limits to foreigners. The two, identified as Mark Allen and Steven Vincent, were put on a plane on May 5, a local newspaper said. The British Embassy is to investigate. *(AFP)*

Charity pleads with Peking to free club's dancing tiger

FROM TOM WALKER IN HONG KONG

A BRITISH charity yesterday pleaded with the Peking authorities to allow a "dancing" tiger caged for the benefit of revellers at a Shenzhen nightclub to be released from its life of misery.

"We've run out of adjectives to describe what is happening to this poor animal," Jill Robinson, Asia representative for the International Fund for Animal Welfare, said. "There is a genuine chance we can bring this to a halt."

The plight of one-year-old Dengdeng, highlighted on the front page of yesterday's *South China Morning Post*, has sparked widespread indignation among animal rights campaigners.

According to witness reports, the caged tiger is prodded by keepers to make it move to the music and customers are invited to dance while separated from it by bars. Although it is the latest incident in a catalogue of cruelty to animals perpetrated in China, activists claim they are enjoying some success in persuading Peking to crack down on individual cases which could attract international attention.

Action to save Dengdeng could be slow, however: Shenzhen, in an economic zone bordering Hong Kong's New Territories, is a two-day journey from Peking, and yesterday there was little sign of repentance at the club, DJ Disco. "It is not dangerous," Liu Yong, marketing manager, said. "We have pulled out Dengdeng's claws."

Dengdeng the tiger, whose treatment at a club in China has outraged animal rights campaigners

Armed faction reconciled with Kabul

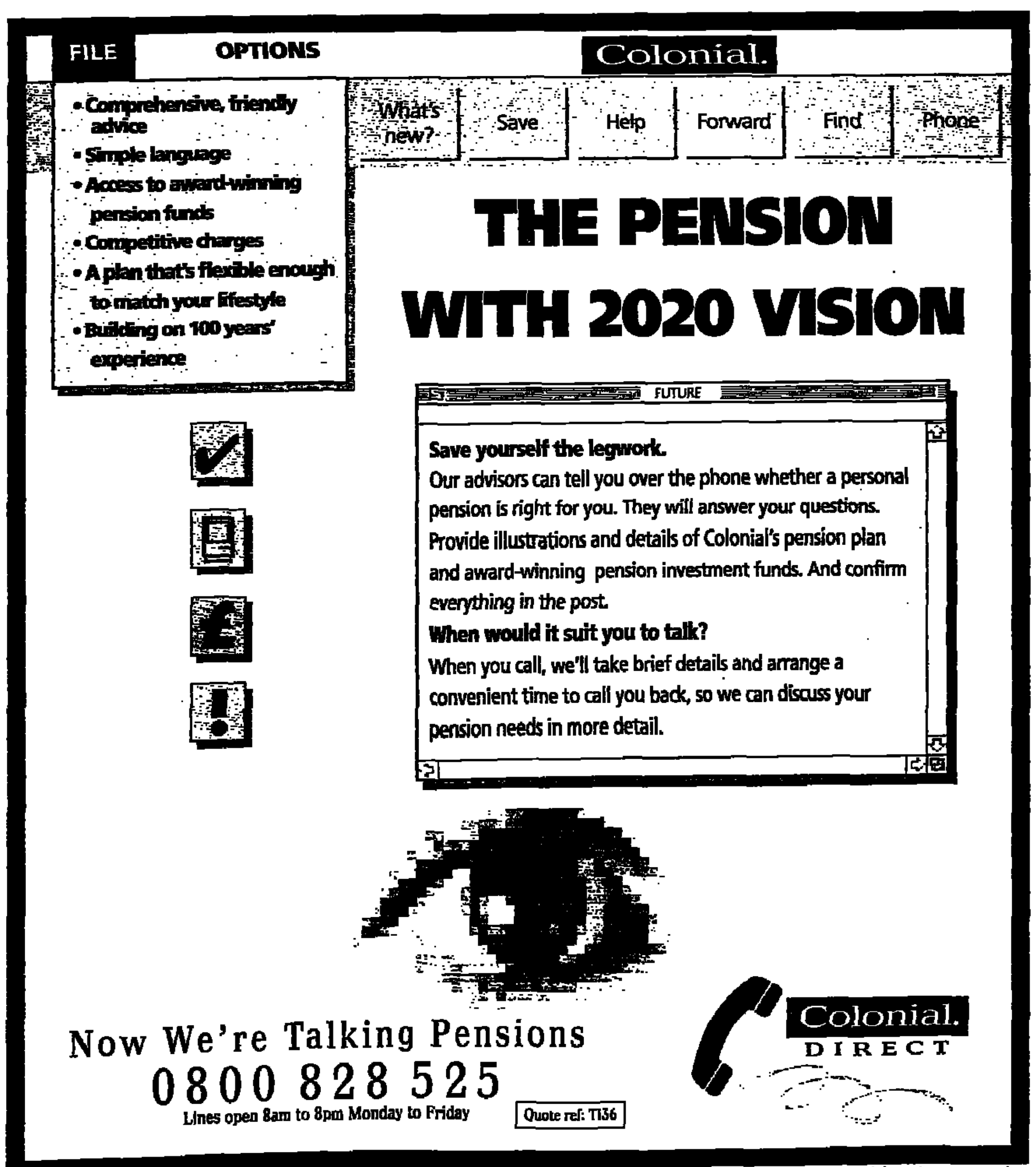
Kabul: The first of a force of 12,000 Afghan troops of the opposition Hezb-i-Islami group began arriving here yesterday after the faction rejoined the Kabul Government, officials said here.

The alliance, announced yesterday by the Defence Ministry and confirmed by Hezb-i-Islami officials now based in Kabul, is one of the most significant here in years and could transform Afghanistan's political landscape. About 1,000 troops loyal to Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, leader of Hezb-i-Islami and former Prime Minister, are already billeted in barracks in Kabul's eastern and southwestern suburbs and more are expected.

"The deal between our two parties has now basically been finalised and we have begun implementing the terms of the accord agreed between us," said General Abdul Majid Niazi, the Hezb-i-Islami commander here.

Hezb-i-Islami will be given the posts of Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Minister of Finance in the newly broadened administration, officials said.

The deal came after months of tense negotiations between the two sides and amid persistent rumours of a complete breakdown in talks. *(AFP)*



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Grace Bradberry investigates the belief that what you eat affects your way of life

Vitamins, allergies and good food for thought

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Fighting fit: some experts claim that altering diet, like taking aerobic exercise, can bring enormous health benefits

When *The Road to Wellville*, starring Anthony Hopkins, was released last year, the Kellogg cereal company was not impressed. John Harvey Kellogg, co-creator of the cornflake, was portrayed in the film as a quack — a man with a mission to give America an enema and rid its diet of meat.

But at the heart of Kellogg's beliefs lay a notion far from alien to most consumers today. He believed that what we eat fundamentally determines who we are. His particular hobbyhorse was meat, which he blamed for the moral decline of the nation.

Kellogg's views may now appear unhinged, yet they have a certain hold on all of us. The adage that "you are what you eat" has been the subject of serious scientific research. Food additives have been linked with hyperactivity, low blood sugar levels with aggression, and all manner of problems have been traced back to food allergies. *Feed Your Kids a Better IQ* was the *title of one widely read book in* the 1980s.

Yet despite what appears to be mounting evidence in favour of this thesis, the medical establishment is often sceptical. *Those who insist that they* need a high level of one vitamin or a diet eliminating *common foods in order to* function properly rarely have the support of their GPs.

Most doctors simply do not believe that the dietary requirements of the bulk of the population vary that greatly. In a new book, *Food for Thought*, David Benton, a psychologist at the University of Wales, looks at why many of the theories linking food and behaviour have failed to win medical backing.

"Any supposed benefits of an altered diet are explained away with little, if any, consideration as the psychological response of the gullible," he writes.

On the face of it, the medical establishment would often appear to right. Many of the most startling cases linking food to personality are not backed up when a large-scale study is conducted.

But does this mean they are bogus? Dr Benton points out that medical and scientific research depends on studying averages. Yet what if individuals vary far more greatly than doctors generally accept?

An added difficulty is that double-blind trials, used to eliminate the placebo effect, cannot always be applied to *dietary* research. If you extract one major food source from the diet, Dr Benton points out, another has to be added for the sake of balance.

But when anecdotal evidence for food theories is so strong, it is no wonder that many people reject the conservatism of doctors and continue to believe that changing your diet can change your life.

One of the most moving cases is described by the psychiatrist Richard *Mackarness in his book Not All in the Mind*. He relates the near-tragic tale of Joanna, *confined to a mental hospital* after the birth of her third baby. Depressed and irritable, *she had become violent* towards her children, knocking her three-year-old son unconscious and throwing her daughter through a ground-floor window. Her future looked bleak.

Under Dr Mackarness, Joanna was weaned off her daily cocktail of drugs and put on a fast. After just three days she became co-operative and described how for years her nose had itched, her eyes had watered and she had been greatly overweight. Gradually more foods were added to her diet until it became clear that bacon, egg, porridge, veal, tongue, coffee and chocolate produced a negative reaction.

Next, these foods were administered directly to her stomach through a tube, so she would not know what she was eating (to rule out any *simply emotional reaction*). The results stood up and Joanna went home without *drugs, but clutching a menu.*

The cover of Mackarness's book claims that Joanna's case *shows "how millions may be* made ill, physically and mentally, by common foods such as milk, eggs, coffee and white flour". But as Dr Benton points out, one case can do no such thing.

This has not stopped hundreds of people from paying for allergy and food intolerance tests. In response to the hunger for information about our diets, this month Safeway introduced an allergy testing service *into* five of its supermarkets.

But can our friends really *suffer from so many allergies?* Mackarness estimates that 30 per cent of the problems seen by GPs are exclusively due to food and chemical allergy. But consultants specialising in adverse food reactions find that many of those who believe they respond adversely to certain foods are displaying a psychological rather than a biological response.

The medical definition of an allergy is very strict: laboratory tests must show that an antibody called Immunoglobulin E has been released after the food is eaten. Any other reaction falls into the wider category of a food intolerance. Within traditional medicine, it is estimated that less than 1 per cent of the *population* of Europe displays a food intolerance, let alone an allergy.

Similarly, doctors are contemptuous of the *idea that differences* in our basic biology mean that some of us require large *doses of vitamins. This* concept took root in the late 1960s after Linus Pauling, a Nobel prize-winning chemist, proposed that large doses of vitamins could benefit the body and help sufferers from some forms of mental illness.

Megavitamin therapy is extreme and can involve doses of 100 or 1,000 times the recommended daily amount (RDA). It has been used, controversially, to treat severe autism (using vitamin B6) and schizophrenia (using niacin).

When most of us take vitamins as a food supplement, we are usually taking only one or two times the RDA. In certain circumstances this might be unhealthy, but it is a far cry from what Pauling was recommending. Then again, most of us do not suffer from severe psychological disorders.

In recent years, however, there has been growing interest in high doses of vitamin C for apparently normal children. A 1994 study suggested that children with low vitamin C status tended to have lower intelligence scores. But studies looking at whether high doses of vitamin C can help with serious learning difficulties *have been inconclusive* — not all children respond in the same way to supplements.

Should we avoid treatments simply because they are controversial? "In the light of the *known adverse reactions to* large doses of a few vitamins ... it seems sensible to suggest that megavitamin therapy should be implemented only under medical supervision," comments Dr Benton.

But as he points out, unconventional treatments can become caught in a vicious circle. Mainstream doctors will not try them, so the desperate relatives of disturbed or mentally ill patients turn to practitioners of fringe medicine. Sometimes these people have overstated their claims. Hopes are raised only to be dashed.

For almost every food theory, there is at least one example of an apparently miraculous change. But even when there are many such cases — as with the link between food additives, allergies and hyperactivity — the picture is confused.

Some children do suffer from both hyperactivity and allergies. But which comes first? "It is simply not known whether the allergic reaction to food directly influences the brain," points out Dr Benton, "or whether hyperactivity is a psychological response to the stress of the allergy."

Parents driven to distraction *by their children's behaviour* will hardly care very much, so long as a change in diet appears to bring results.

- Food for Thought *by David Benton, Penguin Books, £6.99.*

DEALING WITH HYPERACTIVE CHILDREN

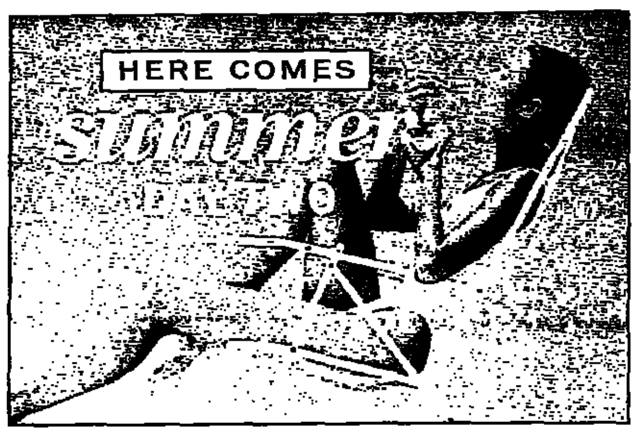
HYPERACTIVE children all display the same symptoms. Some are impulsive and aggressive; others are unable to concentrate; some are constantly running around.

There has been enormous publicity about the link between hyperactivity and additives. The furore began in the 1970s when the number of hyperactive children increased, and an American paediatrician, Dr Joseph Feingold, suggested additives might be a cause.

He advocated a diet which avoided any foods containing natural salicylates and additives, and presented papers suggesting that between 40 and 70 per cent of hyperactive children who adhered to his diet showed a reduction in hyperactive behaviour.

In 1976, the psychologist Keith Conners tested the theory by randomly allocating hyperactive children to Feingold's diet and one other. He found that there might be a small subgroup of hyperactive children who benefited from the Feingold diet, but that the results were inconclusive. By 1983, 20 studies had been carried out.

So what are parents to think? Feingold's diet appears to work in non-experimental situations, but falls down under strict conditions. "The only reasonable conclusion is that most of the improvement is psychological — a placebo response," writes *Dr Benton.*



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Sally O'Sullivan

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The dangers of drinking and smoking together

A deadly combination

DURING the last years of his life, the Duke of Windsor's interests centred on the social round in Paris and New York. When in France he spent weekends at his Mill House where the entertainment followed a well-ordered pattern.

The lunchtime drill included drinks on the *terrace, at which the Duke liked to act as his* own barman. The Duke mixed a particularly pulverising dry Martini, of which he was very *proud, and which was mainly gin.*

Prince Edward's sympathetic television account of his great-uncle included many shots of *him with a glass in his hand, and a* cigarette or cigar in his mouth, and even among the memorabilia shown as an introduction to the film, there was a particularly splendid pipe which could well have been a prop in a Bulldog Drummond film.

The Duke of Windsor's lifestyle included many of the factors which increase the chance of developing a cancer of the mouth, nasal spaces or throat. These oral and nasopharyngeal tumours are often triggered by *the combination of a regular use of* tobacco and alcohol, even if neither is taken to any very great excess. This combination of the Duke's cigars, pipe and cigarette smoke, coupled with the gin from his cocktails, would have made him prey to a cancer of the tonsils, the cause of his death.

All cancers of the mouth are found more often in men than women, probably because of their lifestyle.

Although cancer of the *tonsils is not* common, it is a risk for all those who smoke and drink regularly and is second only to cancer of the voice box, *the larynx*, as a site of malignancy in the upper respiratory tract.

As in any other cause of inflammation of the tonsils, a persistent sore throat is usually the first symptom of malignancy, but the significance of this may not be realised until there is a secondary malignant enlargement of the tonsillar gland in the neck.

Unfortunately in the Duke of Windsor's case, the disease spread rapidly, but others are luckier, for modern surgery and radiotherapy give a patient a 50 per cent chance of making a full recovery.

The same risk factors which predispose to cancer of the tonsil also apply to other cancers of the mouth and oesophagus.

A third of patients who have tumours in any of these sites, and have been subjected to this lifestyle, will later develop a second primary tumour after the first one has been treated: in consequence, careful annual checks are strongly *recommended. One of the most* misleading medical myths, still perpetuated in family health encyclopaedias, is that tumours in the mouth first show as white patches, leucoplakia.

Some malignancies are initially white but the overwhelming majority of these prove to be benign after they have, quite correctly, been biopsied.

The more dangerous patches in the mouth which have a very much *higher rate of malignancy are those* which appear red from the very first. A persistent red inflamed area which may have a velvety appearance is an ominous sign of danger ahead and needs immediate attention.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

ANY change in the appearance of the lining of the mouth, whether it is red or white, and which lasts for more than three weeks despite treatment, needs an expert opinion and biopsy.

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TransCo future in doubt

Price curbs threaten British Gas

By Christine Buckley

THE futures of TransCo, the profitable pipelines division of British Gas, and the restructuring of the whole company were thrown into doubt yesterday by price control plans from Ofgas that exceeded City fears.

In a harsh exchange between the company and Ofgas, Philip Rogerson, deputy chairman of British Gas, and the man who will be responsible for one of the biggest demergers in industry, said that the price curbs threw into question the regulatory procedure and threatened to destablise the industry. He said that the controls would be "one of the biggest smash and grab raids ever and could destroy this industry at a time of high risk".

After Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, stunned the company and the market with price curb proposals that could drain £850 million a year in revenues from TransCo, Mr Rogerson said: "This business cannot be run on the basis of these proposals." He gave warning that the workforce would have to halve, to 10,000, and that maintenance and safety would be jeopardised.

The two sides are locked in dispute over the valuations of the business, an issue that seems certain to go to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The price caps, proposed at a one-off hit of 20 to 28 per cent on revenues next year, and at RPI-5 thereafter, would, it is estimated, halve dividend prospects.

Such financial constriction would make the demerger of TransCo from British Gas Trading, the supply business, extremely difficult. Valuation of the division would be complex during an MMC inquiry expected to last several months and when prospects for the business would not inspire new investment. One analyst said: "These proposals are far worse than our most bearish stance. Ofgas has been unremittingly harsh on every figure. It is difficult to imagine who will invest in this business now and it is hard to see how the demerger can be made convincing."

Mr Rogerson said the demerger, scheduled for completion by spring next year, would proceed as planned.

Ms Spottiswoode, who blames British Gas for overvaluing its assets by as much as £8 billion, has made clear that she will not move outside the range of curbs announced yesterday. She says the tariff reductions to the independent gas shippers will feed through to price reductions to consumers of up to £50 a year. She said: "The proposed targets are challenging, but in our view achievable. They represent a fair balance between the interests of customers and the interests of shareholders."

But British Gas, faced with a reduced rate of return of between 5.9 per cent and 7.6 per cent and the revaluation of its assets, is complaining of interventionist regulation. Harry Moulson, managing director of TransCo, said: "We almost become a pseudo-nationalised industry."

The company claims she has introduced retrospective regulation, revaluing the business on historic figures and "re-writing the prospectus for the 1986 privatisation".

The Gas Consumers Council called for a full legal separation of the pipelines division from the rest of British Gas to ensure transparency and clear regulation. It says demerger plans, which lump the pipelines operation with offshore exploration and production and global activities, will not enable proper valuation of the network.

There will be consultation between Ofgas and British Gas until June, when the regulator will deliver her final target. If British Gas refuses to accept those curbs, the company will be referred to the MMC.

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SFA takes no action on copper company

By George Sivell

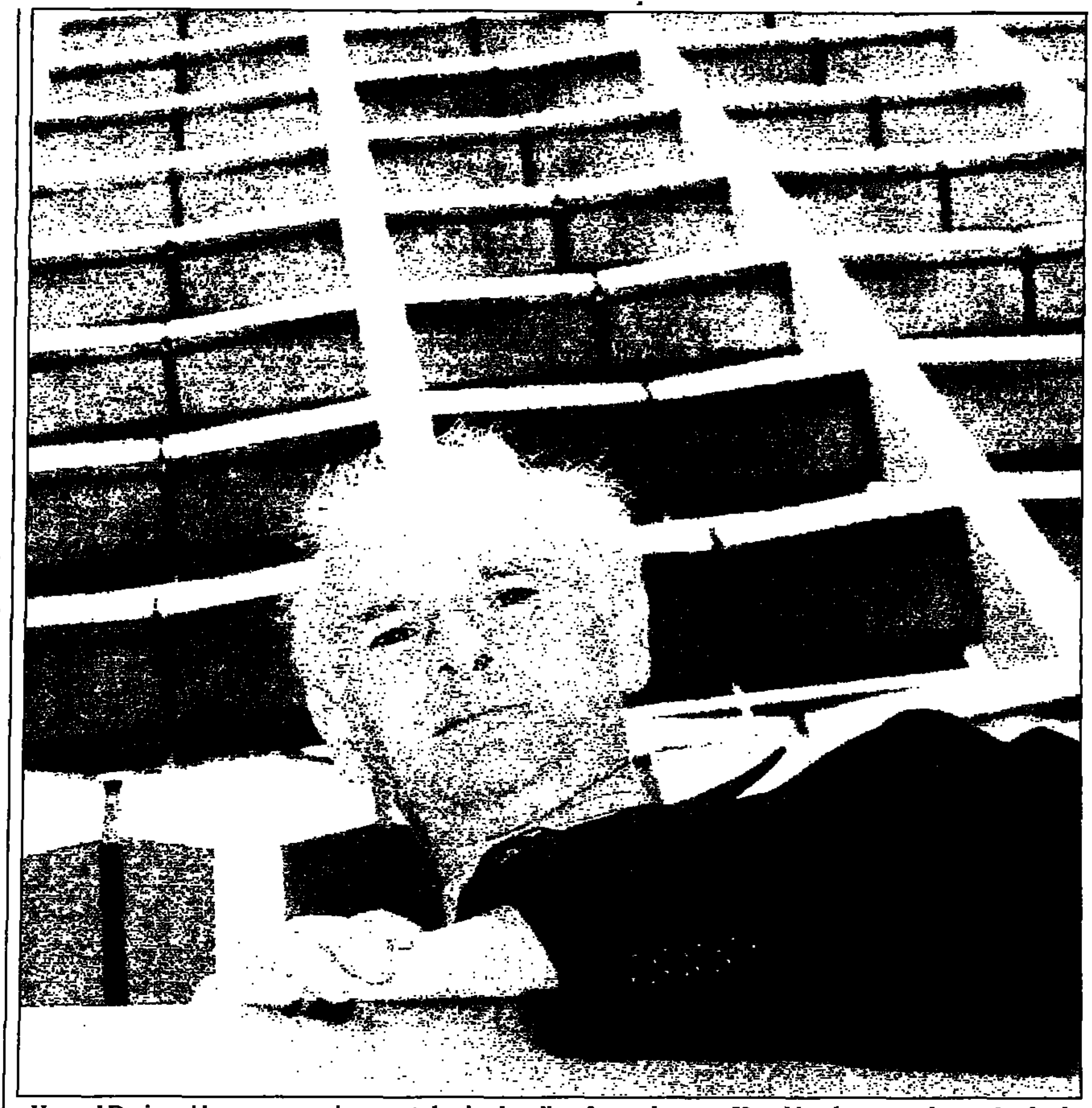
THE commodity group owned by Charlie "Copperfingers" Vincent and Ashley Levitt, who were paid around £10 million a year each, yesterday said it would not be disciplined by the Securities and Futures Authority.

Winchester, where Lord Parkinson, the former Conservative minister, is contemplating taking a non-executive chairmanship, yesterday said that it had been notified by the SFA that there were no plans for disciplinary action. Mr Levitt and Mr Vincent are still shareholders in Winchester but are no longer directors because they live abroad.

However, a copy of a letter from the SFA to Winchester's solicitors, seen by *The Times*, points out that the SFA's enforcement committee "was concerned that there were issues raised by this case which might have implications for the future relationship between SFA and Winchester Brokerage Limited".

"The committee has therefore asked that the senior executive officer of WBL should meet with Richard Farrant, the SFA chief executive, and an executive director in order to obtain reassurance that WBL is fully committed to compliance with SFA's rules." The SFA letter stated, however, that the SFA's enforcement committee "has decided not to initiate disciplinary action".

It is believed that the SFA originally became concerned by seven trades Winchester carried out on behalf of Codelco, the Chilean copper trading company.



Howard Davies said many companies operated a simple policy of removing over-50s, taking the cost on the pension fund

Business sees the wisdom of age

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BUSINESS leaders yesterday launched an initiative to end age discrimination at work — though they ruled out new legislation to outlaw it.

Leaders of 18 prominent UK business organisations, led by the Bank of England, joined to promote the value to business of mixed-age workforces, and especially of both attracting and retained experienced employees regardless of age.

Most of the force of the Employers' Forum on Age will focus on older people at work. Business leaders suggested that in terms of retention of staff, 50 was now the age at which companies started to consider shedding people, and in terms of recruitment, 40 was often a key threshold.

British Airways said that by the year 2000 more than 20 per cent of its customers would be over 60, and it needed a wide age mix among its employees to reflect that. Cadbury said it deployed mature employees to pass on the specialised techniques of chocolate-making to younger staff.

Organisations involved in the EFA include the Bank, BA, BBC, Marks and Spencer, Post Office, W H Smith, J Sainsbury, Commercial Union, Unigate, BT and B&Q.

Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, and other business leaders rejected the idea of new legislation to make age discrimination illegal, maintaining that even if such laws were introduced, some employers would find ways round them — though they accepted 30-40 per cent of all recruitment advertising mentions age.

But business leaders were unspecific about what companies should do to combat age discrimination — other than not firing people just because they were older, and failing to hire older people.

Mr Davies said: "In recent years many employers, under pressure to cut workforces, have operated a simple policy of removing over 50s, taking the cost on the pension fund."

Bill Cockburn, chief executive of W H Smith, said the bottom line case for companies employing older people, in terms of reduced labour turnover and absenteeism, was so strong it was almost too obvious to state.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES		
FT-SE 100	3739.2	(-15.2)
Yield	3.98%	
FT-SE A All share	1882.84	(-5.21)
Nikkei	21171.82	(-248.30)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5534.21	(+16.06)*
S&P Composite	655.06	(+2.97)*
US RATE		
Federal Funds	5$\frac{1}{4}$%*	(5$\frac{5}{16}$%)
Long Bond	88$\frac{7}{16}$*	(88$\frac{7}{16}$)
Yield	6.92%*	(6.92%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth Interbank	6%	(6%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	106$\frac{7}{16}$	(106$\frac{7}{32}$)
STERLING		
New York:		
$	1.5145*	(1.5203)
London:		
$	1.5141	(1.5225)
DM	2.3220	(2.3217)
FFr	7.8533	(7.8666)
SFr	1.8930	(1.8940)
Yen	158.94	(160.40)
£ Index	84.4	(84.7)
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.5320*	(1.5295)
FFr	5.1815*	(5.1765)
SFr	1.2480*	(1.2485)
Yen	104.93*	(105.48)
$ Index	96.4	(96.4)
Tokyo close Yen 105.40		
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Jul)	$18.50	($18.35)
GOLD		
London close	$391.35	($392.55)

* denotes midday trading price

Gap in orders costs 600 Yarrow jobs

ALMOST 600 jobs are being lost at the Yarrow shipyard on the Clyde because of a gap in the order book.

The redundancies were announced yesterday, just three months after the yard was awarded a £400 million order by the Ministry of Defence to build three Type 23 frigates.

It is the second blow for workers at the Glasgow yard in recent months. A total of 430 people have already been made redundant since February. A spokesman said: "We always said there would be a second batch of redundancies. We thought that would be in April. We have managed to hold it off until May."

Slowdown for factory gate prices

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

PRICES charged by British factories in April showed their lowest annual growth since December 1994 despite a surge in the cost of imported crude oil and food. City economists predicted that retail price inflation will continue to drop in the months ahead, helping to keep base rates low.

Manufacturers' input prices rose by a seasonally adjusted 0.8 per cent in April after a 1 per cent increase in March, according to the Office for National Statistics. The annual rate of increase rose to 3.1 per cent from 2.8 per cent.

The increase in input prices last month was bigger than the 0.4 per cent that the City had been expecting. However, the rise largely related to higher crude oil and food prices. Core input prices — which strip out food, drink, tobacco and petroleum products — rose by 0.3 per cent in the month. This took the year-on-year rate to minus 0.3 per cent, the first year-on-year drop since early 1994.

This, together with a subdued rise in output prices, helped the markets to absorb the news with little concern. Output prices rose by 0.3 per cent in April, depressing the annual rate of output price inflation to 3.2 per cent from 3.5 per cent in March. Excluding food, drink, tobacco and petrol, core output prices rose by a seasonally adjusted 0.1 per cent, taking the annual rate of increase down to 2.8 per cent from 3.4 per cent.

Michael Saunders, UK economist at Salomon Brothers, said that the recent surge in food and oil prices could create a longer-term threat to low inflation if sustained, but it is not clear whether it will be. He noted that sterling-denominated oil prices had slipped in recent weeks.

He said that the recent slide in output prices bodes well for the inflation outlook in the year ahead, with retail prices tending to follow output prices with a six-to-12-month lag. "These figures leave base rates on hold," he said.

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Housing market begins to stir

THE modest recovery on Britain's high streets appears to be continuing with some evidence that stirrings of life in the housing market are now helping to buoy spending (Janet Bush writes).

The British Retail Consortium today said the value of like-for-like retail trade, which strips out changes in floor space, rose only 0.4 per cent in April against a year ago, a far cry from the 7.5 per cent jump recorded in March. However, the BRC said both sets of figures were distorted because of the timing of Easter. Easter was nine days earlier this year, putting the big pre-Easter selling week in March instead of April.

The BRC said taking March and April together, the year-on-year rise in sales was 4.4 per cent higher than a year ago. This represents a modest strengthening from the average growth rates of 4 per cent over the winter months and quite a healthy acceleration from the 2.7 per cent average for the whole of last year.

Cold weather in April hit clothing and footwear sales but a strongish performance by furniture retailers appeared to confirm anecdotal evidence of a housing pick-up.

Boardroom departure at WH Smith

By Sarah Bagnall

THE restructuring of WH Smith, the retail group, under Bill Cockburn, the new chief executive, has resulted in the boardroom departure of David Roberts, managing director of distribution and services.

Mr Roberts, 53, could receive compensation for loss of office of about £360,000 as a result of his two-year service contract and annual pay of £180,000.

Jeremy Hardie, chairman, said Mr Roberts "agreed that there is no longer a need for the post he had been filling and is now keen to develop his other business interests". Mr Roberts was chairman of Niceday, W H Smith's business supplies operation sold last month for £142 million to Guilbert of France.

BAe and Matra deal on target

By Paul Durman

BRITISH AEROSPACE has finally cleared the last of the commercial obstacles standing in the way of its long-running attempt to merge its missile business with Matra Hachette of France.

The two missile businesses will be combined in a £900 million a year operation that will be known as Matra BAe Dynamics. This will be a French company, headquartered in London, with a British chairman and a French chief executive.

BAe has agreed to pay up to £110 million to Lagardere, the owner of Matra Hachette and a 50/50 partner in the new joint venture. The amount payable will depend on the success the new company has in bidding for defence contracts over the next four years.

The first fruits of the deal may be seen in the next couple of months. The Government will shortly award a £800 million contract for the Typhoon "tank-buster" missile and a £650 million contract for a conventional stand-off missile (Casom).

A BAe spokesman said that the merged business would be more effective in competing for missile contracts.

The merger, which has been under discussion for more than three years, was stalled while the French Government tried to persuade the Ministry of Defence to award the Casom contract to the new company.

BAe and Matra Hachette will still need to secure various regulatory approvals for the deal.

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Engineers will put UK employees on works councils

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BRITISH companies affected by Brussels' plans to bring in European-style works councils will all *include their* UK employees on the new bodies in spite of the Government's social chapter opt-out, engineering industry leaders said yesterday.

The findings of the EEF engineering employers, after consulting widely among UK engineering companies, mark a contrast between the pragmatic approach of business to the introduction of European works councils (EWCs) and the strong opposition voiced by government ministers and national business leaders.

EEF leaders drew some criticism from engineering companies for mounting a series of regional meetings on EWCs, with some companies arguing that it not only *undermined the social chapter* opt-out negotiated from the Maastricht treaty by the Prime Minister, but also would actively encourage EWC formation.

Reporting back yesterday, *EEF leaders said a clear* majority had only just started to think about the introduction of EWCs and a significant minority had undertaken no *planning for them* at all. An EU directive comes into force on September 22.

Though the opt-out means many companies will be *unaffected* by the directive, those with transnational interests will be and some are reaching negotiated agreements in advance.

Peter Reid, EEF European affairs co-ordinator, said yesterday the EEF's exercise showed that no UK company affected by the EWC directive had said they would exclude their British employees from any consultation structures *they established*. The conclusion underlines the extent to which British companies and their employees will be affected by EWCs, despite the opt-out. Currently, some 30 UK companies have negotiated *EWC-style deals, and* EEF leaders expect that number to rise to about 40, or possibly 50, by the time the EWC directive falls due later this year.

The EEF *said* yesterday that this would leave some 100 UK companies negotiating from September under a legally-determined process already set in place by Brussels.

Across Europe, a further 900 companies would be in this position. The EEF calculates that there will be about 300 voluntary agreements in place from about 1,500 companies affected.

UK subsidiaries of companies headquartered in countries such as the US and Canada are concerned, according to the EEF's consultation exercise, that the EWC directive will be a further cost hurdle to operating in Europe, with little or no benefit.

ADRIAN BROOKS

Cards close to their chests: John Jackson, left, with Peter George, chief executive, played down merger talk yesterday

Ladbroke lengthens merger odds

By Alasdair Murray

JOHN JACKSON, chairman of Ladbroke, yesterday played down speculation of a possible merger with Hilton Hotels Corporation of the US, describing talks between the two companies as "at an early stage".

Mr Jackson said at the company's annual meeting that talks between the two companies over re-uniting the Hilton chains of hotels were exploring a number of avenues. Ladbroke owns the Hilton *International chain while Hilton Hotels* has the rights to the Hilton name in the US. Speculation had grown in recent weeks that the two companies would seek a full merger.

But Stephen Bollenbach, chief executive of Hilton Hotels, said last week that while a merger of the two hotel operations might be possible, Hilton was not interested in joining forces with Ladbroke's gaming division. Mr Jackson *added that Ladbroke's performance in* the first four months of this year had been satisfactory with profits ahead of the corresponding period of last year. The hotel division increased occupancy *levels by one percentage point while* revenue per room jumped 8 per cent.

Ladbroke shares closed down 2p at 187p.

Jobs go as Powerstore outlets close

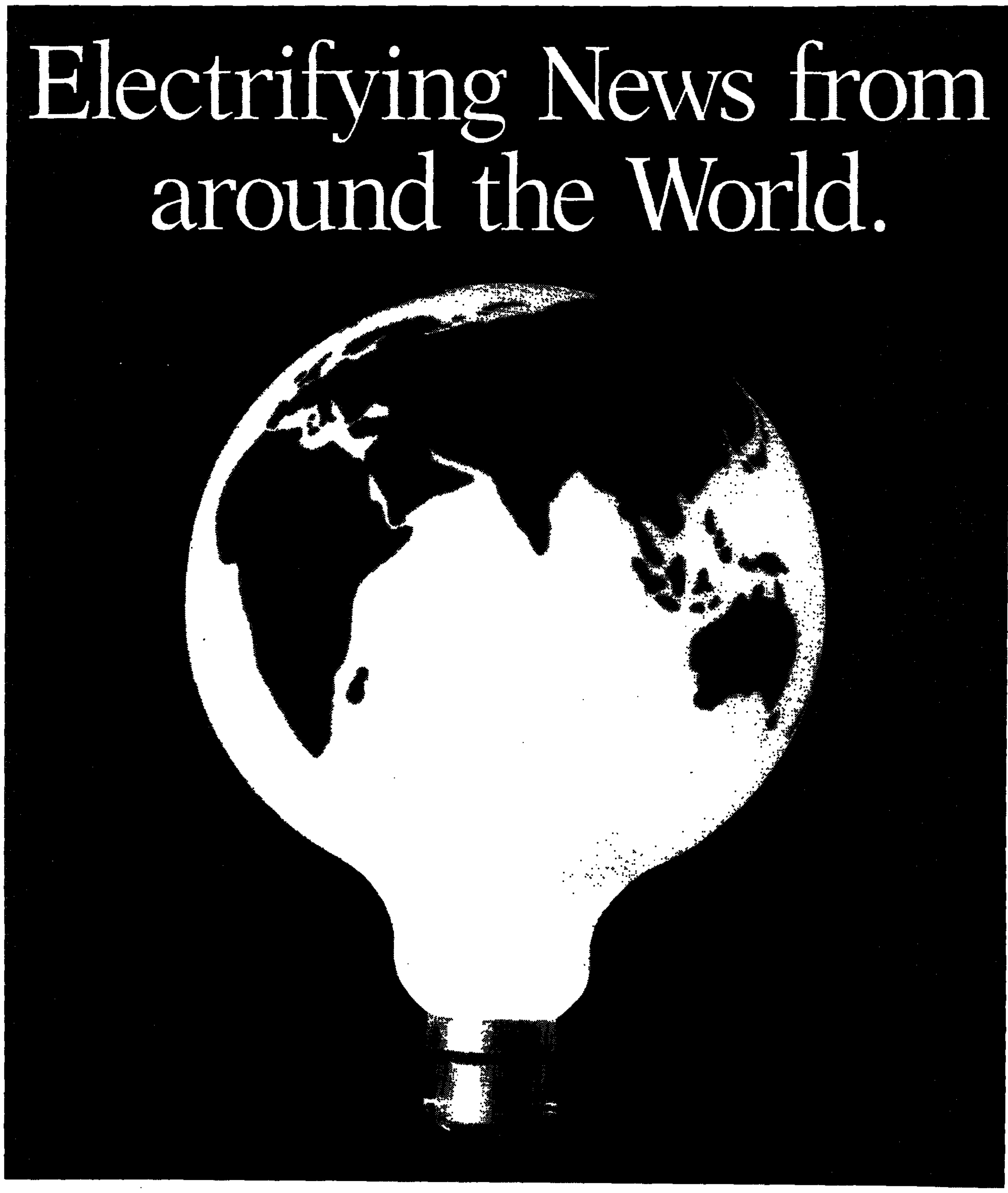
By Sarah Bagnall

MORE than 250 jobs have been lost as a result of last month's collapse of Powerstore, *the electrical* retailer formed out of the high street stores of three regional electricity companies.

Arthur Andersen, administrator *to the electrical* group, yesterday announced the closure of 31 of the group's 85 stores. David Duggins, a partner of Arthur Andersen, said: "There are a *number* of cases where an electrical retail outlet in the high street is clearly not viable in the face of the competition from out-of-town *stores*. Furthermore, in the case of some superstores, there is already substantial overcapacity in out-of-town locations." Of the stores closed, *seven are superstores*.

The remaining 54 stores remain open. Mr Duggins said: "We have received many expressions of interest in the assets of the businesses."

The group was formed from a management buyout in 1993 of London Electricity's retail outlets, which were then merged *with 71 Homepower stores*, acquired from East Midlands Electricity and Yorkshire Electricity, *the joint owners*.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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Court blow for T&N over asbestos claims

T&N suffered a setback yesterday when a US court appeared to open the door to more expensive asbestos litigation. Shares in the automotive components group fell 11p to 164p when T&N revealed that a court had ruled against the "Georgine" Settlement, a procedure whereby all claims for injury due to asbestos are settled through an arbitration procedure. T&N said yesterday that the injunction requiring claimants to use the procedure could cease in 21 days.

T&N said: "Should the injunction cease, it seems likely that the number and cost of new US health-related claims filed against T&N may be greater than under only the 'Georgine' *procedures*."

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Cocoa at 8-year high

BUBBLING world cocoa prices whisked to eight-year highs yesterday as speculators bet on scarce supplies in the coming season sending values even higher. Traders said cocoa has been flavour of the past two months on the London Commodity Exchange where huge positions had been built in order to get hold of cocoa before the new harvest season which starts in October. The price for July delivery cocoa soared to £1,138 a tonne, a level not seen since January 1988.

Workfare redundant

THE Government made clear yesterday its opposition to US-style workfare, state-provided work schemes that the unemployed are compelled to take part in or lose their social benefits. The Government's statement represents its first *formal rejection of workfare, an idea much beloved on the* political right as a way of reducing the number of "work-shy" benefit claimants. The rejection of workfare came in its reponse to the former Commons' all-party Employment Select Committee's report on the issue.

Fokker rescue possible

FOKKER, the bankrupt Dutch planemaker, was inching to a possible rescue by Jaap Rosen Jacobson, a businessman, yesterday, but the firm's main suppliers said that they had *given the receivers just two more weeks to secure a salvage.* Short Brothers, which supplies wings made in Belfast, said it and Daimler Benz Aerospace were negotiating delivery of more supplies to Fokker, but that the Dutch firm would have to find a rescuer before the end of May. Two other *interested groups have yet to deliver proposals.*

Apple to cut models

APPLE COMPUTERS will seek to dramatically reduce costs by cutting the number of computer models it sells, Gilbert Amelio, the chief executive, said yesterday. He said the company will cut the number of models in half during the next 12 months and focus on its Mac operating system, paring back to one operating system from six. Apple hoped to reduce its costs so that the company can be profitable at $9 billion in revenues, or $2 billion below last year's sales, Mr Amelio said.

Coventry drops CU

FALLING demand for endowment mortgages has led the Coventry Building Society to end its association with Commercial Union. The society has been selling the insurer's policies and said yesterday that a review had indicated that more borrowers would be choosing straightforward repayment mortgages. Fears that some endowment policies would not yield sufficient cash to *repay loans in full* has boosted sales of traditional repayment loans.

Airbus change wins support

MINISTERS responsible for the individual countries participating in Airbus Industrie, the civil aerospace consor*tium, said that they supported* turning Airbus into a single corporate entity.

Norbert Lammert, who is responsible for aerospace issues in the German economics ministry, said: "We feel the intended structural changes *must take place as quickly as* possible."

However, several of the ministers said that the final form that the company will take is not clear. *Herr Lammert, speaking* at a conference for the International Air and Space Exhibition in Berlin, added: "The objective is one common European company."

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.00	1.84
Austria Sch	17.37	15.87
Belgium Fr	50.80	46.50
Canada $	2.192	2.032
Cyprus Cyp£ .	0.761	0.706
Denmark Kr ...	9.59	8.79
Finland Mkk ...	7.76	7.11
France Fr	8.28	7.63
Germany Dm .	2.48	2.27
Greece Dr	387.00	362.00
Hong Kong $	12.40	11.40
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.2900	4.6400
Italy Lira	2482.00	2327.00
Japan Yen	174.00	158.00
Malta	0.598	0.543
Netherlds Gld	2.752	2.522
New Zealand $	2.35	2.13
Norway Kr	10.58	9.78
Portugal Esc ..	250.00	231.50
S Africa Rd	7.13	6.33
Spain Pta	201.00	188.00
Sweden Kr	10.97	10.17
Switzerland Fr	2.03	1.85
Turkey Lira	120491.	112491.
USA $	1.616	1.489

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☐ Ofgas offers a model for Labour ☐ How Barclays could gain from demerger ☐ Cashbacks cause mutual pain

Renationalising British Gas

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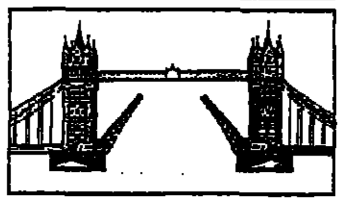

☐ OFGAS's plan for TransCo will be pivotal to the future of utility regulation in Britain. The question is whether it will be the system's *reductio ad absurdum* or mark its transition to a new form of socialism.

On the surface, the initial proposals look so silly that they would be a bit of a giggle, were not £11 billion of private assets, the safety of the nation's gas supply and the future of 20,000 employees at stake. The director-general claims that the review strikes a fair balance between shareholders and consumers and allows "an appropriate return" to investors. The figures put this in perspective.

Ofgas projects that net cash flow available to pay interest on loans and dividends will fall from £721 million in 1996 to between £92 million and £273 million in 1998, if TransCo meets Ofgas efficiency and growth targets. British Gas has borrowings of about £3 billion and last paid a dividend of £630 million, of for which TransCo provided about 80 per cent.

No-one has even suggested this strikes a fair balance for employees. TransCo reckons it would have to sack half of them to meet Ofgas targets, but could not safely do so. Employees can certainly not expect to maintain their living standards. They will continue to be the chief victims of the current regulatory regime.

As the director-general explained, however, this is "an intellectual review". Otherwise, how could Ofgas reckon it was generous to investors. In the practical world, British Gas shares have risen by less than two fifths of the all-share average since privatisation and have actually failed to keep up with inflation, falling in real terms over a full decade. Ofgas manoeuvres charges down by redefining the value of assets, discounting depreciation and then reducing the rate of return, because TransCo is a low-risk investment. In reality, Ofgas has fallen into the regulatory trap of turning TransCo into a high-risk business needing above average returns to be worth touching.

This is where the politics come in. An ambitious regulator cannot afford a review acceptable to the company, for fear of looking weak. This review is meant to end up with the MMC. It is also a blueprint for a Labour government to eliminate utility investors without having to buy back their assets. Ofgas has already informed Labour's attitude to Railtrack, one reason why rail investors should be short-term.

This plan would, in effect, renationalise most of British Gas. Instead of merely preventing monopoly price rises, regulation can be a proxy for ownership, turning the utility into no more than a captured licensed contractor. This is an interesting model, but possibly not quite what Conservatives had in mind.

An answer to Taylor's prayers

☐ MARTIN TAYLOR appears pretty cheesed off with the stock market these days. Used to being a City darling while at Courtaulds Textiles, the Barclays chief executive is finding life as head of a poorly rated high street bank rather more of a strain. Last week, Mr Taylor told a banking conference in the French town of Annecy that the markets appear to think Barclays' management constitutes "a bunch of idiots", adding: "It is my job to prove them wrong."

But how will he do this? Through a slow slog of well-behaved results, keeping growth in tight reign for fear of stepping on a landmine. Or through some radical solution that proves Mr Taylor is indeed the breath of fresh air the banking market has been waiting for.

For a while, Mr Taylor has been showing analysts a chart dividing Barclays into four businesses — personal, corporate and investment banking and asset management.

He denies that this is either a corporate structure or a template for a demerger. But Martin Hughes, at Credit Lyonnais Laing, the stockbroker, has done a "what if?" study on the possibility of demerging the latter two, which are contained within Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

The result could be the answer to Mr Taylor's prayers. Hughes reckons that floating a minority stake in BZW would value that business at around £2.5 billion. Valuing the rest on a same rating as the bank that they would most resemble, Lloyds TSB, would give a price tag of at least the current Barclays market value, of £12 billion.

It seems like a sleight of hand. But recent regulatory changes mean that having an asset-rich retail bank does not help the capital ratios of an investment bank in the same group. And the value released at Mr Taylor's old home, Courtaulds, by the demerger of the chemical and textiles business, shows what can be done.

Lenders trapped by mobile loans

☐ WHAT we really need is a return to the old days of the building society cartel dictating what can be loaned and when. The view is not from a born-again mutualist, but a lender caught in the trap of forever giving borrowers thousands of pounds in incentives and finding that their share of the mortgage market is not growing.

Thousands of customers are benefiting each year from cashbacks of up to £9,000 when they take out home loans even if they do not move house. They cannot believe their luck receiving real cash, not vouchers, for remortgaging. Not surprisingly, such deals are more attractive than cheap rates to borrowers, and they are hurting the lenders that invented the schemes to try to breathe life into the housing market. It did not work.

Few borrowers are moving house, but customers like the idea of a few thousand pounds every couple of years just for moving their loan about. Not surprisingly, the lenders are getting a bit anxious and beginning to admit that they cannot afford to keep on handing out large cheques to new customers, but they also cannot afford to be the first ones to say enough is enough or they will lose precious market share.

They feel there is little to gain from continuing to offer such largesse but everything to gain from being a meanie. For once, it looks like the Building Societies Commission is riding to their rescue in the form of Geoffrey Fitchew, who will be warning societies at their annual conference this week that they must place limits on the proportion of lending that is discounted or has a cashback attached if they are not to put themselves at risk. Many would secretly like the commission to go further, or for the might of the building society movement to walk away from such costly gimmicks. Customers should buy now before the cheques bounce.

Standard Life to sell £900m stake in Bank of Scotland

By Marianne Curphey

THE Bank of Scotland was tipped as a takeover target yesterday after it confirmed that Standard Life, a big shareholder, was planning to sell its 32.2 per cent stake.

The shares rose 14p to 252½p as the City speculated that possible buyers for the holding, estimated at about £900 million, included HSBC, Midland Bank's parent, NatWest Bank, Abbey National and the Halifax Building Society that might use it to launch a full bid.

Meanwhile, Standard Life, a leading mutual life company and one of Britain's biggest investors, stressed that its decision to sell all or part of the stake, which it had held for more than 11 years, did not affect its business partnerships with Bank of Scotland. Bank of Scotland, whose governor is Sir Bruce Pattullo, sells Standard Life general and life insurance products through its branches and is the preferred bank to run the deposit-taking service Standard has planned for launch later this year.

A spokeswoman said: "This does not affect the plans for the banking service which are still at an embryonic stage."

Neither side was willing yesterday to indicate what percentage of the stake would be sold. Shares in Royal Bank of Scotland, which had also been tipped as a takeover target, fell yesterday and SBC Warburg advised clients to switch out of Royal Bank into Bank of Scotland and downgraded Royal Bank to a "hold" from a "speculative buy".

Some reports had suggested that Standard Life wanted to sell its stake because it was uneasy at Bank of Scotland's acquisition of the Bank of Western Australia last year, a move it might have seen as speculative. A merger between Royal Bank of Scotland and Bank of Scotland might incur intervention by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission because of questions over competition rules.

Pattullo: confirmed sale

Scott Bell, group managing director of Standard Life, said: "The investment has been a very good one for us with above-average earnings and dividend growth but it now represents in excess of 6 per cent of our UK equity portfolio. This is a large proportion for a single investment. Standard Life continues to have confidence in Bank of Scotland's future prospects and strategies, but we nevertheless believe it could be in the interests of our policyholders to rebalance our equity portfolio by realising some or all of our stake."

Standard Life, which has denied that it is considering plans for a stock market flotation, might use the cash to buy a small mutual life insurer or a building society. Both the general and life sectors of insurance in the UK are currently in a state of turmoil as companies merge and consolidate. Alternatively, it could use the extra cash to increase its solvency margin, or reinvest it in other UK equities.

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Stakis develops a healthy interest in fitness

By Alasdair Murray

STAKIS, the leisure company, moved into the health and fitness market yesterday with the £20 million purchase of LivingWell Health and Leisure company.

Stakis already has 25 fitness clubs based in the company's hotels but said the latest purchase would enable it to build a stand-alone business. LivingWell has five city centre clubs in operation, with a total membership of 12,500, and last year made an operating profit of £1 million. Stakis said it was aiming to open another six clubs a year over the next few years, while rebranding the existing hotel clubs.

Stakis also announced yesterday the appointment of Anthony Harris as managing director of Stakis hotels. Mr Harris, who is currently a senior vice-president of ITT Sheraton/Ciga Hotels with reponsibility for the company's Italian resorts, will also serve as a director on the main board.

The company added that it had completed a strategic review of its operations and was setting a target of 15 per cent annual earnings growth, while maintaining long-term gearing at about 50 per cent. Stakis is aiming to expand its casino interests abroad and will concentrate on meeting yield growth and development capital expenditure targets in its hotel division.

David Michels, chief executive, said: "The strategy we have unveiled today and the acquisition we have announced will carry us forward to an even more successful future." Shares in the company rose 2p to close at 110p.

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Allergan merger is called off

ALLERGAN, a maker of eye care and skin products, announced yesterday that its merger talks with Pharmacia and Upjohn had failed.

The merger, which would have given Pharmacia and Upjohn a platform for a new glaucoma product, would have valued Allergan at $2.5 billion.

Allergan has grown rapidly since 1989 when it was hived off from SmithKline during its merger with Beecham and had revenues last year of $1.07 billion. A third of its business is contact lens care products, in which it has 11 per cent of the world market. This would fit well with Pharmacia and Upjohn's eye care sales.

Kunick optimistic on gaming laws

By Alasdair Murray

KUNICK, the gaming and leisure company, blamed a heavy investment programme for a flat half year as the company yesterday unveiled a 3 per cent increase in profits, before exceptional items, to £4 million.

The company insisted that the second half would be stronger, with new gaming deregulation coming into effect that will allow fruit machines to pay out all-cash prizes and to be placed on betting shop premises. Kunick was also optimistic about the introduciton of the new Smilin' Sam's food and fruit machine ventures.

Russell Smith, chief executive, said: "Reorganisation in France and the introduction of new gaming machines in the UK cost around £1 million in profits for the first half. But the introduction of the new £10 all-cash machine will be a major benefit and will expand the market."

Profits from the core UK gaming machines division had increased by 16 per cent, helped by new contracts and an increase in the maximum payout from £6 to £8. Profits from the French gaming subsidiary fell by £500,000 after restructuring costs.

The French nursing division increased profits by 68 per cent. The company said it was looking to dispose of the business in the medium term.

The interim dividend was raised by 20 per cent to 0.3p. Shares in the company fell ¾p to 30¼p.

Treasury reaction troubles business leaders

PFI hits another setback

By Paul Durman

BUSINESS leaders yesterday expressed dismay at the Treasury's reaction to the latest setback to the Private Finance Initiative.

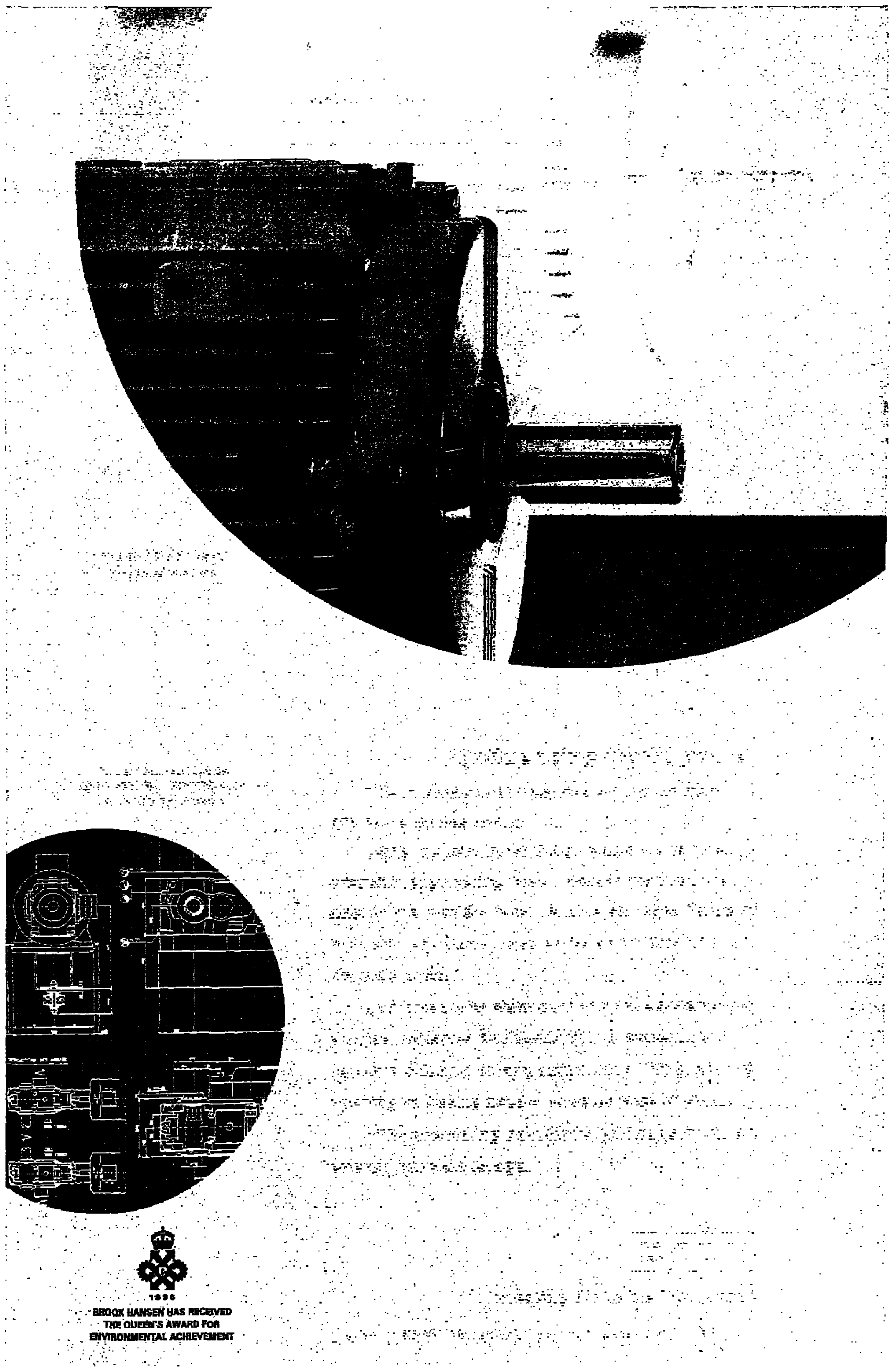
Andersen Consulting is having to shoulder more than £10 million of additional costs after falling behind schedule on the delivery of a new computer system for handling National Insurance records.

The Treasury said the heavy costs being borne by Andersen showed that PFI worked — and, in one report, an official said the Treasury was delighted by the huge compensation payment. Charles Cox, an executive director of Hoskyns, the computer services company, and chairman of the Confederation of British Industry's PFI working group, said that he was appalled by the tone of the Government's reaction. "It will frighten a lot of potential suppliers."

Mr Cox said that the Treasury reaction exposed the cultural problems the PFI faced. Civil servants were keen to offload project risks on to private sector businesses, but unwilling to redefine objectives as work got under way and the difficulties became better understood. Alan Stevens, managing director of the social security division of EDS, the computer services company, said: "The Government should not expect to shovel all the risks over the fence into the arms of the supplier."

Andersen said the taxpayer was saving millions of pounds a year thanks to the company taking over the running of the NI computer systems.

It dismissed industry talk of a £25 million bill for compensation and additional running costs. It said it still hoped to make money on the contract, which runs until 2004.



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STOCK MARKET PHILIP PANGALOS

British Gas shares hit for £1.2bn by Ofgas review

THE equity market was unsettled as **British Gas** dived 27p to 201p, on heavy turnover of 54.6 million shares, after Clare Spottiswoode, of Ofgas, the gas regulator, shocked the City by unveiling a tougher-than-expected price review.

The share price fall, which wiped nearly £1.2 billion off the company's market value, was exacerbated by considerable put options activity and the harshness of the Ofgas statement. Ofgas has called for cuts of between 20 per cent and 28 per cent in the first year at TransCo. the group's demerged pipeline and transportation business. British Gas rejected what it called draconian proposals and threatened to go to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The company said its revenues would be slashed by more than its current profits, while jobs and dividends would also suffer.

British Gas was the dominating factor for equities, with the fall in its share price accounting for more than six points off the FT-SE 100 index. Ex-dividends in a number of stocks including BP, General Accident and SmithKline Beecham wiped a further three points off the index. A positive start to trading on Wall Street failed to lift London and the FT-SE 100 index ended down 15.2 points at 3,739.2 in thin conditions. Volume reached only 674 million shares.

Meanwhile, the speculators turned their attention on to **Bank of Scotland**, the oldest financial institution in Scotland. The bank's independence was placed under threat after Standard Life, the insurance group, said it was considering selling all or part of its 32.2 per cent stake. A possible stake sale is seen as putting the **Bank of Scotland** in play as a takeover target, driving the shares up 14p to 252½p, on heavy volume of 10.6 million shares. City analysts said if the shares, acquired in 1985, are put on the market, the bank would be wide open to a UK rival seeking expansion or a foreign predator, possibly from Germany. If the entire stake is sold to a single buyer, the purchaser would be obliged to make a full bid under City takeover rules.

British Aerospace rose 11p to 874p after the defence to aerospace group announced a missiles joint venture with Matra, the French defence company. BAe and Matra have agreed to merge their missile businesses under Matra BAe Dynamics. The deal is between BAe and Matra Hachette, a subsidiary of the Lagardère Groupe. Under the deal, BAe will pay between £50 million and £110 million, depending on the relative number of orders won by the product lines of the two companies over the next four years. BAe said it would back Lagardère's bid to gain control of Thomson CSF, the French electronics group.

Elsewhere in the engineering sector, Panmure Gordon advised a switch from **TI Group**, down 5p at 541p, into **Siebe**, up 1p to 863p.

Bid speculation helped **Meyer International** to gain 11p to 448p, with talk that Wolseley may be considering launching a £600 million bid for the building materials group that owns the Jewson chain of builders' merchants, headed by Alan Peterson. **Wolseley** fell 3p to 458p.

There was continued support for selected biotech issues. An upbeat statement helped **Cortecs**, which unveiled positive results for one of its product trials for lung infections, to rise 11p to 380p, while **Shire Pharmaceuticals** gained 12p to 200p on the launch of a new vitamin tablet and **British Biotech** climbed 22p to £29.55 ahead of a cancer treatment update this month.

Orb Estates was marked up 5p to 72p as speculation heightened about a possible reverse takeover from Quintain, the private property group headed by Nigel Ellis, formerly finance director with BAA and Hammerson.

Elsewhere, **Telspec** partly recovered from last week's profit warning inspired tumble, with the shares bouncing back 43p to 533p.

Ladbroke eased 2p to 187p after the leisure group confirmed at its annual meeting that it is in "early stage" talks with Hilton Corporation of the US on ways of re-uniting the Hilton brand. Ladbroke's betting and gaming profits were marginally down.

Lucas Industries dipped 1p to 233p as the automotive components group encountered some profit-taking as the market awaits the outcome of merger talks with Varity Corporation, its US rival. The shares encountered a two-way pull, unsettled by the prospect that the Lucas Pension Scheme, which has restructured £3 billion of assets, will reduce its 6.11 per cent shareholding in Lucas.

Hambros was unchanged at 237p in spite of a buy recommendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker. Martin Hughes at CLL said Hambros is "firing on all cylinders", with the Hambros Countrywide and Hambros Insurance subsidiaries thought to be doing well, while the group's core M&A activities are said to be booming with more than £2 billion of deals so far this year.

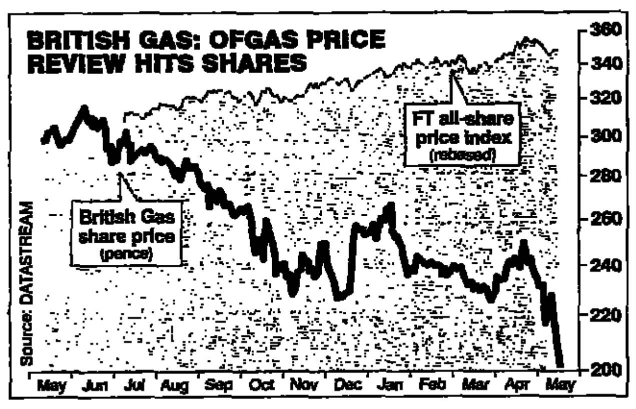
Premiere Group was the latest new issue to make a solid debut, with the shares rising to 143p before settling at 138p, compared with a placing price of 133p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The gilt market had a quiet day. There was little impact from the April producer prices data, with a temporary uptick shortlived as attention switched to today's Bank of England inflation report and other economic figures due later this week, including unemployment, inflation and PSBR data.

The June series of the long gilt future fell five ticks to £106²⁄₃₂, as a mere 29,000 contracts were traded. Among conventional stocks, shorts were virtually unchanged, while losses stretched to £¼ among longer-dated issues.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street regained their strength, with the high technology sector strong, and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 16.06 points higher at 5,534.21.

Alan Peterson, left, and John Dobby, chief executive, of Meyer



Keep an eye on Pex, the children's sock manufacturer and distributor that plans to invest £1 million in new machinery this month to lift capacity 20 per cent. Analysts expect current year profits of £450,000, putting the shares, unchanged at 5½p, on an attractive p/e multiple of 6.6.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	5534.21 (+16.06)
S&P Composite	655.06 (+2.97)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	21171.82 (-248.30)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	10746.00 (+148.27)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	555.67 (+0.76)
Sydney:	
AO	2256.9 (-0.5)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2496.17 (+27.39)
Singapore:	
Straits	2385.46 (+15.22)
Brussels:	
General	9145.92 (+77.38)
Paris:	
CAC-40	2100.85 (-13.95)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	781.40 (-1.40)
London:	
FT 30	2794.5 (-18.1)
FT 100	3739.2 (-15.2)
FT-SE Mid 250	4512.4 (-0.4)
FT-SE-A 350	1897.1 (-6.0)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1668.58 (+10.89)
FT A All-Share	1882.84 (-5.21)
FT Non Financials	2006.34 (-7.54)
FT Fixed Interest	111.46 (-0.36)
FT Govt Secs	92.19 (-0.21)
Bargains	35282
SEAQ Volume	697.4m
USM (Datastrm)	218.41 (+0.55)
US$	1.5146 (-0.0066)
German Mark	2.3216 (-0.0008)
Exchange Index	84.4 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2167
£:SDR	1.0507
RPI	151.5 Mar (2.7%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	150.9 Mar (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AIM Distribution	94	...
Active Imaging	120	- 1
Atlantis Jap Wts	3	...
Atlantis Japan Gwth	10¼	...
Biocompatibles Uts	175	...
CA Coutts (105)	120	...
Cairngorm Unit	925	...
Cairngorm Unit Wts	238	...
Cap for Co's VCT (100)	95	...
FNR	39	...
Gartmore Select Jap	95	...
Gartmore Select Wts	31½	...
Just Group	4½	...
Just Group Wrts	2	...
La Senza (150)	158	- 2
MSB International	241	+ 1
Maiden Group	275	+ 2
Millnm & Cop (278)	329	+ 2
Perp Inc & Gth Wrts	19	...
Phytopharm (175)	188	+ 3
Premiere Group	138	...
Reflec	50	+ 2
Singer & Frd AIM Wts	11	...
Singer & Fried AIM	98	...
Sira Bus Svs Wts	1½	...
Sira Business Svs	4½	...
Stenior	95	+ 4
Templeton C&E Euro	26	...
Tom Hoskins	53	...
Tradepoint Fincl	185	...
Vanguard Medica	623	- 5
Waterfall (45)	52	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Indl Control n/p (90)	24	...
Knox D'Arcy n/p	¼	...
On Demand n/p (180)	2½	+ ½
Queensborgh n/p (28)	2	...
Tottenham Hot (280)	90	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Danka Bs Sys	805p (+35p)
Filtronic Coms	400p (+15p)
Forward Gp	818p (+28p)

FALLS:

British Gas	201p (27p)
Tibbet & Britn	588p (12p)
Reuters	780p (9p)

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TEMPUS

Anglo-French missive

FRENCH politics, rather than commercial dealing, appear to be behind yesterday's announcement of the creation of a missile joint venture by British Aerospace and Matra. Talks between Lagardère, the French group which owns Matra, and BAe over the tie-up have been on and off since 1993. Yesterday's message said little new except to confirm that BAe and Lagardère would be equal partners subject to an adjusting payment depending on the state of their respective order books.

The trouble has been that the French wanted the British Government to bless the marriage with a fat contract from the Ministry of Defence, but the MoD rightly objected to being bounced into such a deal and insisted on putting the contract out to tender. Since then, times have changed and the Chirac administration is in the process of shaking up the French defence industry and privatising Thomson, the defence and electronics group and Lagardere has indicated it would dearly love to have the defence bit.

What is behind all this is the gradual move to create a pan-European defence business that can effectively compete with the huge US defence combines, such as Hughes and Lockheed Martin. BAe has cut huge amounts of cost from its missile operation but it needs to be bigger to win orders. The merger with Matra will enable the company to expand on the combined research and development effort.

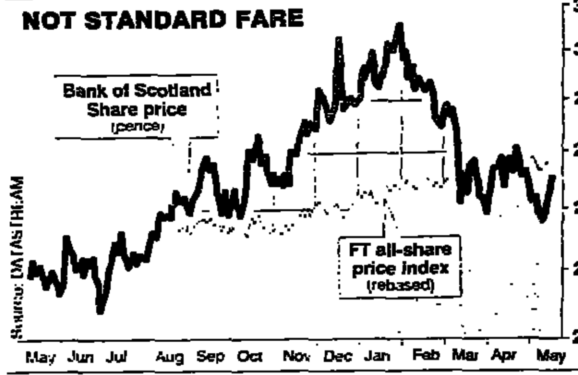
Opposing such developments is the *amour propre* of the French government which is reluctant to see foreign control of vital technology. However with insufficient clout, the technology may end up being less vital.

Bank of Scotland

STANDARD Life's decision to sell its stake in the Bank of Scotland set tongues wagging in Charlotte Square, Edinburgh's financial community. Was this a sign that Standard Life was cutting loose before a stock market flotation? Alternatively, was Standard caught up in the fashion for building societies and needed cash to finance a bid. Some even wondered whether the insurer disapproved of the bank's expansion in Australia.

Conspiracy theories are always more interesting than simple explanations, and few analysts accepted the explanation that Standard was simply reducing its exposure to one investment.

Bank of Scotland has served Standard well: it has been a solid, steady investment with good dividend growth and at one time the two might have merged. Various new suitors have now been proposed, although a takeover would be expensive. Bank of Scotland is efficiently run and an English buyer would find very little overlap in the branch network and few cost savings. Its shares have risen on hopes that a strategic buyer might launch a full bid, but it is just as likely that a placing will scatter the shares among institutions. This latter would probably cause a price correction, and disappointment for shareholders who were banking on accepting an offer from a generous predator.



Stakis

STAKIS is the latest leisure company to catch the fitness bug. Until recently, health and fitness fanatics were serviced by a series of flabby private companies. Recently, however, quoted companies have started muscling in on this growing market.

Stakis already has experience in this market but it has taken the precaution of acquiring a management team to run its new health club venture. The attraction of this market is fashion. Health club users are willing to pay high prices for the newest equipment, and membership confers a social cachet as much as a place to exercise. Members are only too willing to pay to keep up appearances.

With consumer spending on the rise, the Stakis move is well timed. The market is young and offers plenty of room for growth even when discretionary consumer spending begins to decline.

Stakis is now well positioned in three growing markets. Its hotel division continues to impress, while the company's casinos should benefit from deregulation measures and expansion abroad. Stakis shares look pricey, at a rating of 19 times earnings, but with good growth prospects there is no reason to sell your membership yet.

T&N

GLIMMERS of light at the end of the asbestos tunnel have appeared and vanished so often for T&N that investors would do best to ignore them. Yesterday's news that the procedures established under the "Georgine" settlement may be crumbling away is another potential blow to T&N, not so much because of the potential for huge claims but huge legal expenses.

The main attraction of Georgine was that it enabled claims to be administered without recourse to expensive litigation. But that is not in the interests of American personal injury lawyers who, like estate agents, work on commission and therefore tend to encourage their clients go to court in pursuit of a big win.

Asbestos-related diseases such as mesothelioma take up to 60 years to show, a time lag that leaves T&N with a long tail of liabilities that it cannot avoid. The collapse of Georgine will increase the legal and administrative cost of servicing the claims. For T&N, that increases the need to generate more cash from its business at at time when its customers, the automotive manufacturers, are demanding more investment in research and development. The best solution for T&N would be a partnership with another components group but one of the candidates, Lucas, has its eyes set on a different deal.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	1107-1102	Jul	1063-1061
Jul	1136-1135	Sep	1074-1070
Sep	1153-1152	Dec	1095-1085
Dec	1042-1041	Mar	1100-1095
Mar	1041-1040		
May	1052-1051		Volume: 8736

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	2000-1995	Jan	1915-1910
Jul	1955-1950	Mar	1885-1875
Sep	1945-1942	May	1880-1840
Nov	1938-1935		Volume: 2490

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	333.7-27.8
Spot: 389.5		May	332.0-26.8
Aug	374.1-74.0	Aug	330.0-22.3
Oct	343.5-42.0	Oct	317.0-11.8
Dec	334.7-32.3		Volume: 1745

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 10

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	113.06	184.71	103.61
(+/-)	+5.24	-5.05	+3.14
Eng/Wales:	113.06	181.38	104.36
(+/-)	+5.24	-3.04	+3.88
(%)	+16.0	+118.0	+32.0
Scotland:	unq	179.29	96.88
(+/-)	...	+25.11	-3.53
(%)	...	-28.0	-5.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.45	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.25	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.50	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	21.20	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.25	+0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	230 (n/c)	232 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	178 (+4)	180 (+4)
3.5 Fuel Oil	104 (+1)	106 (+1)
Naphtha	189 (n/c)	193 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	167.75-68.00	Sep	163.50-63.75
Jul	164.75-65.00	Oct	163.75-64.00
Aug	163.00-63.50		Vol: 12319

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	19.25-19.26	Sep	17.60 SLR
Jul	18.46-18.49	Oct	n/a
Aug	17.89-17.90		Vol: 25139

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	127.30	May	116.00
Jul	129.85	Sep	109.90
Sep	116.80	Nov	111.25
Nov	118.25	Jan	113.75
Jan	120.20	Mar	115.50
	Volume: 313		Volume: 31

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Jun	unq	225.0
Nov	—	82.5
Mar	—	110.0
		Volume: 190

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

May 103.50-104.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 96	1420	1413	1413
Jun 96	1320	1318	1324
Jul 96	1276	1275	1272
Oct 96	1371	1365	1365
Vol: 137 lots		Open interest: 4430	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2767.0-2768.0	2668.0-2669.0	Vol: 1799325
Lead ($/tonne)	840.00-841.00	837.00-837.50	137375
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1040.0-1040.5	1067.5-1068.0	249175
Tin ($/tonne)	6555.0-6565.0	6560.0-6562.0	17470
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1627.0-1628.0	1659.0-1660.0	1122625
Nickel ($/tonne)	8275.0-8280.0	8370.0-8375.0	76038

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom	460	40	47½	53	6	10	17½
(*499½)	500	12½	25½	30½	22	27½	37
Argyll	330	20½	27	33	9½	14½	18½
(*345)	360	5½	13½	19	27½	31½	35
ASDA	110	9	11	13½	2½	5	6
(*115½)	120	4	6½	9	7	9½	11
Boots	600	33	43½	52	11½	18½	24½
(*625½)	650	8	19½	28	40½	46½	51
Br Airways	500	41½	50	57½	6½	12½	17½
(*535½)	550	11½	23½	32	30½	36½	41½
BP	550	24	33½	42	12	20½	24
(*556½)	600	5	13	20	44½	49½	52½
Br Steel	180	7½	11½	15	9	12	15
(*183½)	200	0½	4½	8	24	26	28
C & W	460	23½	34½	45	15	25	31½
(*468½)	500	8½	18½	28	41	48	54½
CU	600	37	45½	57½	10½	22½	26
(*619½)	650	12½	21½	31½	36½	50	53
ICI	850	45	59½	76½	12½	28½	34½
(*872½)	900	19½	34	51½	37½	54½	59½
Kingfishr	550	44	57	71	7	14½	20
(*562½)	600	14½	28½	43½	28½	37	42
Land Sec	650	9½	21½	30½	26	29	34½
(*650)	700	0	7	15	70	70	71½
M & S	420	18½	27	34	7½	12½	17
(*435)	460	3½	9½	15½	34½	36½	39½
Nat West	600	40½	49½	63	9	22½	28
(*624)	650	15	25½	38½	33½	48	54
Sainsbury	360	17½	26½	32	7½	12	16½
(*377)	390	4½	12½	17½	25½	28½	32½
Shell	850	61	74	82	4½	12	16
(*899½)	900	25	40	50	18	29½	34½
Smkl Bch	638	38	51½	—	12	21½	—
(*654)	687	15½	28	—	39	46½	—
Storehse	330	15½	24½	—	10½	16	—
(*336)	360	4	11½	—	29½	33½	—
Trafalgar	50	1½	1½	—	0½	0½	—
(*50½)	60	0	0	—	9½	9½	—
Unilever	1200	55½	80½	92	10½	30½	25½
(*1232½)	1250	25½	49	61½	31	41½	46
Zeneca	1350	64	94	126½	35	55	66
(*1365)	1400	36½	66	100	61½	80	90½

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met	420	23	36	43½	0½	10	15
(*442½)	460	1	15½	24	18½	30½	35
Ladbroke	180	7½	20½	22½	1	10½	13½
(*187)	200	0	11	13½	13	21½	24
Utd Bisc	220	10	20½	24½	0½	7½	10½
(*229½)	240	0½	10½	14½	11	17½	21

May 13, 1996 Tot: 45815 Call: 18064 Put: 27751 FT-SE Call: 8813 Put: 12383

*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	500	35½	44½	51	5	10½	15
(*531)	550	8	17½	24½	30	34½	39
Thames W	550	29½	36½	42	14	20	26
(*573½)	600	6	14½	20½	47½	50	56

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	460	33½	46½	53½	0	11½	16½
(*493½)	500	1½	23	31½	8½	30	34½
BTR	300	11½	21	25	0	4½	9
(*311½)	330	0	6	10	18½	20	25½
Br Aero	850	23½	56½	73	1	21½	33
(*872½)	900	0½	30½	47	28	46½	57½
Br Telcm	330	5	17½	22	1	16	19
(*333½)	360	0	6	10	26½	37½	40
Cadbury	460	35	50	58	0	6½	12½
(*495)	500	2½	26	35	6½	21½	28½
Guinness	460	20	36	42	0½	9	15
(*479½)	500	0½	14½	21½	21	28½	35
GEC	330	26	33	35½	0	6½	9½
(*356)	360	1	13½	18½	5	20	23½
Hanson	180	19	21	23½	0	2½	5½
(*199)	200	1	8	12½	2	10	14½
LASMO	180	8	16	23	1	5½	8½
(*187½)	200	0	6½	13½	13	15½	19
Lucas	220	12½	26½	32	2½	9	14½
(*232)	240	1	16	22	12	18	24½
Pilkingtn	191	16½	21	—	0	4	—
(*207½)	210	1	10	—	3½	12½	—
Prudential	420	24	38½	45	0	8	14
(*444)	460	0½	16	23½	16	25½	33
Redland	390	17½	33½	41½	0½	9½	15
(*407)	420	1	17	26	14	23½	29½
R-Royce	220	7½	18	24	0½	8	12½
(*227)	240	0	8½	14½	13	19	23
Tesco	280	2½	16	21½	2½	11	16½
(*280)	300	0	7½	13	20	23½	28
Vodafone	240	6½	18	25	1	11	16
(*240)	260	0	9½	16	14	22	27
Williams	300	21	28½	31½	0	3½	8
(*321)	330	0½	10	14	9	15½	21½

FT-SE INDEX (*3739)

	3600	3650	3700	3750	3800	3850
Calls						
May	145	96	50½	17	2½	1
Jun	163½	122½	86	55½	31½	16
Jul	181½	144½	110½	90	57	37½
Aug	202	164	132½	101	76	53
Dec	268	—	206½	—	154	—
Puts						
May	1	1½	5½	22½	61	111
Jun	13½	22	36	57½	83½	119½
Jul	26	38	54½	74½	102	134
Aug	42½	55	74½	93½	118½	147
Dec	85	—	121½	—	168½	—

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	550	24	37	49	8	22½	29
(*561½)	600	4½	15½	26½	39½	52	57
Amstrad	200	11	19½	24	6	11	14½
(*204½)	220	3	10½	15	18	22	25½
Barclays	700	56	67	78½	2½	12½	18½
(*749)	750	20½	34½	49	17	32	39
Blue Circ	360	14½	25½	32½	9	16½	22
(*365)	390	3½	12½	19	27½	33½	38½
Br Gas	300	9½	16	19	7	9½	15
(*200½)	220	2½	8	11	20½	22	28
Dixons	460	26	37	48	6½	18	22
(*477½)	500	6½	18	29	27	40	43
Forte	343	33	36	—	0	1	—
(*376)	373	7½	13½	—	3½	7½	—
Tarmac	120	8½	13½	17½	3½	6½	10
(*124½)	130	3½	8½	11	8½	11½	15
Hillsdwn	180	7	12	14½	4½	8	11
(*180½)	200	1	4½	6½	19½	21½	23
Lonrho	180	12	15½	20	2	6½	8½
(*188)	200	2½	6½	10½	13	17	19
Sears	90	8½	10	11	0½	2½	4
(*98½)	100	1½	5	6	5½	7	9
Thorn	1700	101	136	164	17½	51	65½
(*1779½)	1800	41½	87	111½	54	97½	113
Tomkins	260	14½	20½	24½	3	10½	13
(*270)	280	4½	10½	15	13	21½	23½
Lloyds TSB	292	26½	—	—	1½	—	—
(*314½)	322	7½	—	—	13	—	—

	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo W	750	48½	64½	74½	10½	27	33½
(*779½)	800	21½	37	49	32½	52½	59
HSBC	950	49½	70½	91½	26½	46	56½
(*962½)	1000	26½	47	67	53½	73	83
Reuter	750	54	70½	85½	15	30	35½
(*779½)	800	26½	43½	60½	39	52	57½

	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Royal Ins	420	28	38	47	10	19	24
(*434)	460	9½	20½	28½	32½	41	45½

	Series	Jun			Jun		
Fisons	260	5	—	—	0½	—	—
(*265)	280	0	—	—	15	—	—

	Series	May			May		
Eastrn Gp	950	31½	—	—	0	—	—
(*975)	1000	6½	—	—	25	—	—

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	500	36½	40½	44	5	21½	28
(*520)	550	8	14½	20½	25½	51	56
Scot Pwr	360	20½	28½	30	6	13	15
(*373½)	390	6½	14½	15	19½	30	31½

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 96	3765.0	3775.0	3742.0	3749.5	8511
Previous open interest: 64035	Sep 96	3780.0	3780.0	3780.0	3765.0	310
FT-SE 250	Jun 96				4520.0	0
Previous open interest: 4141	Sep 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 96	94.00	94.01	93.98	93.99	6476
Previous open interest: 373072	Sep 96	93.92	93.94	93.90	93.91	10159
	Dec 96	93.63	93.70	93.61	93.65	21085
Three Mth Euro Yen	Sep 96				98.91	0
	Dec 96	98.59	98.62	98.59	98.61	401
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 96	96.80	96.80	96.77	96.78	8925
Previous open interest: 1116469	Sep 96	96.85	96.85	96.82	96.83	10022
Long Gilt	Jun 96	106-04	106-14	106-01	106-02	29349
Previous open interest: 118707	Sep 96	105-04	105-10	105-04	105-01	27
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 96	118.36	118.38	118.27	118.31	3098
	Sep 96	117.18	117.18	117.10	117.14	1491
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 96	96.48	96.53	96.28	96.30	96872
Previous open interest: 182415	Sep 96	95.53	95.55	95.36	95.36	4160
Three month ECU	Jun 96	95.71	95.72	95.69	95.71	996
Previous open interest: 26428	Sep 96	95.78	95.80	95.75	95.77	416
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 96	98.06	98.07	98.02	98.03	5482
Previous open interest: 59429	Sep 96	97.99	97.99	97.91	97.94	9684
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 96	114.02	114.52	113.94	114.42	34826
Previous open interest: 64380	Sep 96	113.90	113.80	113.50	113.79	413

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½:

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 5½ Week fixed: 6

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¾ : 3 mth 5 11/16 . Sell: 2 mth 5 9/16 ; 3 mth: 5⅝ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 25/32-5¾	5¾-5 23/32	5¾-5 21/32	5¾-5 21/32	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-5 15/16	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6 1/16	6 11/32-6 3/16
Interbank:	6⅛-5 15/16	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6 1/16	6 11/32-6 3/16

Overnight: open 6 , close 5½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	6	6⅛	6¼
Sterling CDs:	6-5 15/16	6-5 15/16	6-5 15/16	6⅛-5 15/16	6 5/16-6 3/16
Dollar CDs:	5.33	n/a	5.37	5.45	5.80
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-5 15/16	6⅛-5 15/16	6⅛-5 15/16	6⅛-6	6⅜-6¼

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5 ⅛-4 13/16	5 7/16-5 5/16	5½-5⅜	5⅝-5½	5-4
Deutschemark:	3½-3¼	3½-3 5/16	3½-3¼	3½-3⅜	3¼-2¾
French Franc:	3½-3⅜	3½-3⅜	3 15/16-3 13/16	4-3⅞	4-3
Swiss Franc:	1½-1¼	1 11/16-1½	1 11/16-1 9/16	1 13/16-1 11/16	2-1
Yen:	½-¼	½-¼	½-¼	9/16-5/16	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $390.70-391.00 Close: $391.10-391.60 High: $391.10-391.60 Low: $390.55-391.05 AM: $391.25 PM: $391.00

Krugerrand: $391.00-394.00 (£258.00-260.00)

Platinum: $402.00 (£264.80) **Silver:** $5.38 (£3.545) **Palladium:** $132.50 (£87.30)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 13	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5934-2.6013	2.5942-2.5965	⅞-¾pr	2¼-2⅛pr
Brussels	47.68-47.88	47.71-47.75	14-10pr	37-32pr
Copenhagen	8.8846-8.9750	8.9649-8.9742	2-1½pr	5½-4½pr
Dublin	0.9685-0.9720	0.9697-0.9713	10-7pr	26-21pr
Frankfurt	2.3300-2.3274	2.3208-2.3232	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Lisbon	238.20-239.27	238.45-238.73	⅛-⅜ds	½-¾ds
Madrid	193.29-194.08	193.29-193.52	24-33ds	74-90ds
Milan	2353.8-2371.3	2353.8-2355.8	6-8ds	16-18ds
Montreal	2.0723-2.0861	2.0723-2.0741	0.26-0.18pr	0.41-0.29pr
New York	1.5137-1.5180	1.5137-1.5145	0.10-0.08pr	0.24-0.21pr
Oslo	9.9636-9.9917	9.9636-9.9795	1⅛-⅞pr	3½-2½pr
Paris	7.8467-7.8765	7.8508-7.8557	1½-1⅛pr	4½-4⅛pr
Stockholm	10.261-10.333	10.261-10.282	⅛-⅜ds	⅝-⅞ds
Tokyo	158.82-159.92	158.82-159.06	⅝-½pr	2⅛-2⅛pr
Vienna	16.325-16.384	16.329-16.348	5⅛-⅞pr	1½-1pr
Zurich	1.8917-1.9033	1.8917-1.8942	⅝-½pr	2-1½pr

Source: Extel

Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2506-1.2514
Austria	10.77-10.78
Belgium (Com)	31.47-31.51
Canada	1.3692-1.3697
Denmark	5.9165-5.9195
France	5.1807-5.1817
Germany	1.5313-1.5318
Hong Kong	7.7365-7.7370
Ireland	1.5619-1.5639
Italy	1558.80-1559.80
Japan	104.93-105.03
Malaysia	2.4890-2.4900
Netherlands	1.7119-1.7124
Norway	6.5758-6.5833
Portugal	157.29-157.39
Singapore	1.4050-1.4060
Spain	127.64-127.67
Sweden	6.7704-6.7804
Switzerland	1.2480-1.2490

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5150-1.5176
Australia dollar	1.8939-1.8950
Bahrain dinar	0.5655-0.5775
Brazil real*	1.4816-1.4857
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7120-0.7220
Finland markka	7.1300-7.2460
Greece drachma	366.25-373.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.7200-11.7262
India rupee	53.05-54.01
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4500-0.4600
Malaysia ringgit	3.7703-3.7743
New Zealand dollar	2.2033-2.2070
Pakistan rupee	52.52 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4550-5.5000
Singapore dollar	2.1283-2.1312
S Africa rand (com)	6.5520-6.6540
U A E dirham	5.5080-5.6290

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3I	565	Land Secs	730
ASDA Gp	9,500	Legal & Gn	356
Abbey Ntl	2,300	Lloyds TSB	4,200
Allied Dom	3,500	Marks Spr	1,300
Argos	146	NatWst Bk	1,500
Argyll Gp	789	Nat Grid	3,900
AB Foods	249	Nat Power	1,400
BAA	1,600	P & O	417
BAT Inds	1,500	Pearson	1,200
BOC	217	Pilkington	1,000
BP	3,900	PowerGen	670
BSkyB	1,300	Prudential	3,300
BTR	6,300	REXAM	425
BT	15,000	RMC	156
Bk of Scot	10,000	RTZ	951
Barclays	3,100	Rank Org	1,500
Bass	2,500	Reckitt Col	307
Blue Circle	1,300	Redland	922
Boots	889	Reed Intl	701
BAe	2,600	Rentokil	1,300
BA	4,400	Reuters	847
Brit Gas	97,000	Rolls Royce	3,300
Brit Steel	6,300	Royal Ins	4,700
Burmah Cstl	173	Ryl Bk Scot	1,100
Burton	6,100	Sainsbury	1,300
Cable Wire	3,300	Schroders	11
Cadbury	1,500	Scot & New	1,300
Carlton Cms	1,300	Scot Power	543
Cm Union	730	Svrn Trent	358
Cookson	956	Shell Trans	4,700
Courtaulds	177	Siebe	905
Dixons	1,700	SmKl Bch	3,900
Enterpr Oil	2,100	Smith Nph	8,400
For & Col IT	1,400	Smiths Inds	85
GKN	254	Sthern Elec	212
GRE	2,200	Std Chartd	713
GUS	577	Sun Allnce	3,200
Gen Acc	306	TI Gp	455
Gen Elec	1,900	Tate & Lyle	286
Glaxo Well	3,300	Tesco	7,300
Granada	1,600	Thames W	1,600
Grand Met	4,400	Thrn EMI	770
Greenalls	1,100	Tomkins	2,200
Guinness	1,300	Unilever	2,700
HSBC	1,800	United Utils	890
Hanson	10,000	Vodafone	7,400
ICI	5,700	Whitbread	1,100
Kingfisher	190	Wlms Hld	1,300
LASMO	948	Wolseley	600
Ladbroke	2,500	Zeneca	350

WALL STREET

	May 13 midday	May 10 close
AMP Inc	41	40½
AMR Corp	91½	89½
ASA	46	46
AT & T	61½	61½
Abbott Labs	40½	40½
Advanced Micro	18½	18½
Aetna Life	70½	69½
Ahmanson (HF)	24	23½
Air Prod & Chem	56½	57
AirTouch Comm	30	29½
Alberto-Culver B	38½	38½
Albertson's	39½	39½
Alcan Alumnm	33½	33½
Alco Standard	59½	58½
Allied Signal	57½	57
Alum Co of Am	65½	65½
Amax Gold Inc	6½	6½
Amerada Hess	57	56½
Amer Brands	40½	41½
Amer El Power	40½	40½
Amer Express	47½	47½
Amer Genl Corp	34	34½
Amer Home Pr	52½	51½
Amer Intl	91½	92½
Amer Stores	36½	35½
Amer Standard	28½	28½
Ameritech	58½	58½
Amoco	72	71½
Anheuser-Busch	68½	68½
Apple Computer	27½	27½
Archer Daniels	18½	18½
Armco	5½	5½
Armstrng Wrld	56½	55½
Asarco	33½	33½
Ashland Oil	40½	41
Atl Richfield	117½	116½
Auto Data Pro	37½	37
Avery Dennison	57½	56½
Avon Products	86½	87½
Baker Hughes	31½	31½
Baltim Gas & El	27½	27½
Banc One	34½	35½
BankAmerica	74½	75
Bank of NY	49½	49½
Bankers Tr NY	71½	71½
Barnett Banks	62½	62½
Bausch & Lomb	40½	40
Baxter Intl	42½	42½
Becton Dicknsn	78½	77½
Bell Atlantic	64½	65½
Bell Industries	22	21½
BellSouth	40½	40½
Black & Decker	38½	38½
Block (H&R)	34½	35½
Boeing	79½	79½
Boise Cascade	44	43½
Bristol Myrs Sq	81½	81½
Browning Ferris	29½	29½
Brunswick	20½	20½
Burlington Nthn	87½	86½
CMS Energy Corp	29	29½
CNA Financial	97½	98½
CPC Intl	66	66½
CSX	52½	51½
Campbell Soup	62½	62½
Can Pacific	20½	20½
Carolina Pwr	40½	36½
Caterpillar	67½	67½
Central & SW	27½	27
Champion Intl	40½	40½
Chase Manhat	69½	69½
Chevron Corp	56½	57½
Chrysler	64½	64½
Chubb Corp	46½	46½
Cigna Corp	111½	111½
Citicorp	79½	79
Clorox	94½	94½
Coastal Corp	38½	37
Coca Cola	83	83½
Colgate-Palmolive	78½	78½
Columbia Gas	46½	46½
ColumbiaHCA	55½	54½
Compaq Comp	46½	46½
Comp Asc Intl	76½	74½
Conagra	38½	38
Conrail	70½	69½
Cons Edison	29	29½
Cons Nat Gas	47	46½
Cooper Inds	41½	41½
Corestates	39½	39½
Corning Inc	34½	34½
Crown Cork	44½	44½
Dana Corp	31½	31½
Dayton Hudson	96½	96½
Deere	39½	39½
Delta Air Lines	82½	80½
Deluxe Corp	35½	35½
Digital Equip	55½	53½
Dillard Dept St	38½	38½
Disney (Walt)	60½	59½
Dominion Res	39½	39½
Donnelley (RR)	35½	36
Dover Corp	48½	48½
Dow Chemical	87½	86½
Dow Jones	37½	37½
Dresser	29½	29½
Duke Power	48½	48½
Dun & Bradstreet	58	58½
Du Pont	79½	79½
Eastman Chem	68½	65½

	May 13 midday	May 10 close
Eastman Kodak	74½	74½
Eaton Corp	58½	58½
Edison Intl	16½	16½
Emerson Elec	83½	83½
Engelhard Corp	25½	25½
Enron Corp	40	39½
Entergy	27½	27½
Ethyl Corp	10½	10½
Exxon	83½	83½
FMC Corp	67½	67½
FPL Group	43½	43
Federal Express	76½	78½
Fed Nat Mtge	31½	31½
First Bk Sys	59½	60½
First Union Rlty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	43½	42½
Fluor Corp	61½	62
Ford Motor	35½	35½
GTE Corp	45½	45½
Gannett	67½	65½
Gap Inc Del	31½	30½
Gen Dynamics	64½	64½
Gen Electric	77½	77½
Gen Mills	55½	55½
Gen Motors	53	52½
Gen Reinsurance	141	141½
Gen Signal	39	38½
Genuine Parts	43½	43½
Georgia Pac	75½	75
Gillette	54½	55½
Glaxo Welle ADR	27½	23½
Goodrich (BF)	36	36½
Goodyear Tire	50½	51½
Grace (W&R)	74½	74½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	35	34½
Great Wstn Fin	22½	22½
Halliburton	53½	53½
Harcourt General	45½	45½
Heinz (HJ)	32½	32½
Hercules	57½	57½
Hershey Foods	76½	76
Hewlett Packard	111½	108½
Hilton Hotels	103½	103½
Home Depot	50	49½
Homestake Mng	20½	20
Honeywell	52	51½
Household Intl	69	69
Houston Inds	23½	23
Humana	24	24
ITT Corp	57½	58
Illinois Tool	67½	66½
Illinova	26½	26
INCO	34	34
Ingersoll Rand	40½	40
Inland Steel	22½	22½
Intel Corp	70	69½
IBM	109½	109½
Intl Flav & Fr	47½	48½
Intl Paper	40½	39½
James River Va	25½	25½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	91½	91½
Kellogg	67½	68
Kerr-McGee	61½	61½
Kimberly-Clark	72½	72
Kmart	10	9½
Knight-Ridder	72½	72½
Lilly (Eli)	55½	56½
Limited Inc	20	20½
Lincoln Nat	47½	47½
Litton	46½	47½
Liz Claiborne	36½	36½
Lockheed Martin	81½	81½
Louisiana Pac	26½	26½
MCI Comm	29½	29½
Marriott Intl	46½	46½
Marsh & McLnn	92½	93
Masco Corp	30	31
May Dept St	47½	47½
Maytag Corp	21½	22
McDonald	47½	47½
McDonnell D	96½	97
McGraw Hill	46	45½
Mead Corp	55½	55
Medtronic	53½	53½
Mellon Bk	54½	54½
Melville Corp	36½	37½
Merck Inc	58½	58½
Merrill Lynch	61½	60½
Microsoft	119½	114½
Minnesota Mine	65½	65½
Mobil Corp	113½	112½
Monsanto	149½	150½
Morgan (JP)	85½	85½
Motorola Inc	62½	60½
Natl Semi	16½	16
Natl Service Ind	37½	37½
Navistar Intl	10½	10½
NY Times A	33½	32½
Newmont Mng	59½	59½
Niag Mohawk	7½	7½
Nike B	95	93½
NL Industries	15	15½
Noram Energy	10½	10½
Nordstrom	54½	52
Norfolk Sthrn	86½	85½
Nthn States Pwr	47½	47
Northrop Corp	35½	35½
Nynex Corp	48½	49½
Occidental Pet	25	25½
Ohio Edison	22	21½

	May 13 midday	May 10 close
Oracle	34½	33½
Oryx Energy Co	16½	17
Overseas Ship	18½	19½
Owens Corning	37½	39½
PHH Corp	54½	55½
PPG Industries	50½	51
PNC Bank	29½	30
PP&L Res	23½	23½
Paccar Inc	47½	48½
Pacificorp	20	20½
Pac Enterprises	26½	26
Pac Gas & Elec	22½	22½
Pac Telesis	33½	34
Pall Corp	26½	26½
Parker Hannifin	43½	43½
Peco Energy	26	25½
Penney (JC)	50½	51
Pennzoil	43½	43½
Pepsico	65½	65½
Pfizer	66½	66½
Pharm & Upjhn	39½	39
Phelps Dodge	73½	73½
Philip Morris	89½	88
Phillips Pet	39	38½
Pitney Bowes	48½	48½
Polaroid	44	44½
PriceCostco	20½	19½
Procter & Gmbl	85½	86½
Providian	45½	45½
Pub Serv E & G	26½	26½
Quaker Oats	34	34½
Ralston Purina	58	58
Raychem Corp	76½	76½
Raytheon	52½	52½
Reebok Intl	28½	29½
Reynolds Metals	55	55
Rockwell Intl	56½	56½
Rohm & Haas	66½	65½
Royal Dutch	146½	146
Rubbermaid	27½	27½
SBC Comms	51½	50½
Safeco Corp	34	33½
St Paul's Cos	52½	52½
Salomon Inc	41½	41½
Sara Lee Corp	32½	32
Schering Plough	56	55½
Schlumberger	87	87
Seagram	33½	33½
Sears Roebuck	51½	51½
Shell Trans	82½	82½
Sherwin Wlms	45½	45½
Skyline Corp	24½	24½
Snap-On-Tools	47	47
Southern Co	22½	22½
Sprint Corp	42½	42½
Stanley Works	63	63
Sun Company	31½	31½
Sun Microsys	58	57
Suntrust	72	71½
Supervalu	31½	31½
Sysco Corp	32½	32½
TRW Inc	95½	95½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	12½	12½
Tandy Corp	56½	55½
Teledyne	39½	39½
Temple Inland	48½	48½
Tenneco	55½	55½
Texaco	81½	80½
Texas Inst	54	52½
Texas Utilities	40½	40½
Textron	85½	84½
Time Warner	40½	40½
Times-Mirror A	43½	42½
Timken	40½	41
Torchmark	42½	43½
Toys R Us	29½	29½
Transamerica	77½	77½
Travelers	59½	59½
Tribune	71½	70½
Tyco Labs	38½	38
UST Inc	32½	32
UAL	211½	208½
US Inds	22½	22½
USX Marathon	21½	22
Unicom	27½	28
Unilever NV	134½	135½
Union Camp	53½	53
Union Carbide	45½	45½
Union Pacific	68½	68½
Unisys Corp	7½	7
USAir Group	17½	17
USF&G Corp	15½	16
US Life	29	29
United Tech	109½	110½
Unocal Corp	31½	31½
VF Corp	59½	59½
WMX Tech	34½	35
Wal-Mart Stores	24½	23½
Warner-Lambert	109½	110½
Wells Fargo	239½	239½
Westinghouse El	18½	18½
Weyerhaeuser	48½	47½
Whirlpool	58½	58½
Whitman	25½	25½
Winn Dixie	34½	34½
Woolworth	18½	18½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	49½	50½
Xerox	151	149½
Yellow Corp	12½	11½

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HAVING made it to four issues, *Sunday Business* is facing double jeopardy over an attack on *Loot*, the free advertising newspaper. The hapless weekly is being sued by *Loot* for libel after claiming that half of the goods advertised in it were stolen. *Loot* has also noticed a striking similarity between that piece and one written last year by the same journalist in *Business Age* ... *Sunday Business* founder Tom Rubython's previous publication.

Short cuts

SIR DAVID SIMON, hailed KPMG businessman of the year at the Savoy Hotel yesterday, said he kept his speech decidedly short to make room for politician and guest speaker Peter Mandelson. In the words of Alf Danaher, Fifties boxing champion, the BP chairman sniffed: "I'd like to thank my manager, (sniff) my trainer, (sniff) and all those that made this victory possible." He also quoted Elizabeth Taylor's sixth husband: "You've made an old man very happy."

Taxing times

NOT content with introducing self-assessment and endless tax returns, the Inland Revenue's latest wheeze is to send out weighty questionnaires, asking taxpayers to answer endless questions on its level of service. The letter, which begins "Dear Taxpayer", asks respondents to evaluate the following: "The service I get from the Inland Revenue is very impersonal, it's just like you're a number."

ofgas
FIRST IN TURN OFF GAS

IT WAS champagne and cake at Charterhouse yesterday, to celebrate ten years since the opening of the London office of its stockbroking arm. Victor Blank, chairman, surprised staff, creeping up with a cake for Mike Orsborn, head of sales at Charterhouse Tilney.

'Morning all'

PETER GEORGE, chief executive of the Ladbroke Group, was almost halfway through his speech at the company's AGM yesterday, when a familiar face barged its way into the room. The interloper, who frequently tries to break his way into champagne and canapés-filled parties, is well-known at the London Hilton, but hasn't made it past the hotel lobby before. After knocking two damsels down, the perpetual gatecrasher of interims and prelims was ejected in fairly short order.

Only the best

THE Confederation of British Industry is regularly giving warning of the effects of raising salaries too severely. Its personnel department has clearly taken this to heart. In its search for a senior policy officer, the employers' organisation promotes the post as an opportunity to work closely with government departments, City institutions and its own National Manufacturing Council. An articulate economics graduate with excellent analytical skills is preferred — and all for a princely £23,000 per annum.

MORAG PRESTON

TransCo laid open to fire in regulatory battlefield

Christine Buckley says the prospects look bleak for British Gas's demerger and funding hopes

British Gas and the industry regulator have been squaring up for a bloody fight over pricing restraints on the beleaguered company's pipeline business. But yesterday's confrontation was far more violent than expected.

Clare Spottiswoode weighed in with revenue cuts on TransCo that exceeded the toughest estimates in a package that she said would trim household gas bills by £50 a year in the review period. British Gas, mindful of yesterday's crumbling share price and of price cuts so onerous that they outpace last year's profits, warned of business failure, 10,000 job cuts and safety imperilment.

Ms Spottiswoode is arguing for consumer bonanzas on the grounds that TransCo, the only money-spinning ace that British Gas has left, has consistently overvalued itself and overestimated spending. British Gas accused her of mounting one of the biggest smash-and-grab raids in a huge sweep that will destabilise the industry at a critical time of its development. At stake is up to £850 million in revenue from the independent gas shippers that use TransCo's pipeline network. They can look forward to reduced tariffs while the end user — households and businesses — should benefit from substantially reduced bills.

British Gas is arguing that without a commercial rate of return, it cannot invest adequately in the business. It says that safety and maintenance will be at risk and the company will not be able to meet its legal obligations in those areas. It further complains that competition in the supply of domestic gas — already operating on a pilot scheme in the South West — places additional heavy investment burdens on TransCo.

Conflict between the regulated and regulators is not new. Indeed, ready agreement would be unnatural and unpopular with shareholders who are not looking at the companies they invest in to let cash bleed happily, on the instructions of regulators.

British Gas says its pipeline business is worth £17 billion; Ofgas cites a much lower figure

The disparity between British Gas and Ofgas is, however, unprecedented. The Gas Consumers Council — no friend of British Gas — has welcomed the price reductions and has condemned historic pricing flaws. But it has also said that the stand-off between the two has serious implications. It has said that the public interest is at stake as the regulator and the company stand either side of a vast mathematical gulf with the national asset of a gas pipeline at stake.

British Gas values its pipeline business at £17 billion. The regulator puts that figure at between £9 billion and £11 billion. Ms Spottiswoode says that the company has enjoyed the benefits of an annual underspend of about 30 per cent. She has attacked a cash mountain of £2.5 billion which British Gas has put aside for pipeline renewal that is not needed until 2010.

Either one side has got its mathematics badly wrong or the virulent arguments that leave the future of several thousand employees, gas prices and the investment of millions of Sids hanging in the balance are vocal, public negotiations between the two parties.

The company and Ofgas may have put their strongest cards on the table, but talks continue until June when the regulator will recommend the level of the one-off hit that she will make on revenues and the annual curbs linked to inflation. She has already said she will not be persuaded that those should fall outside the 20-28 per cent one-off cut in revenues and the running curb of RPI-5 proposed yesterday. British Gas equally maintains the unworkability of the controls.

The rejection of the controls by British Gas will lead to a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, a process which could take several months. The company will look to the MMC to determine that Ofgas has substantially undervalued the assets and expectations of spending. It will contend that the severe restraints on tariffs will scupper all incentives to increase volume and suffocate performance enhancement.

Ms Spottiswoode's expectations of the company are that it can improve performance through greater efficiencies. She is sceptical of the company's claim that 10,000 jobs must go and says that her office has calculated the job implications to be less than the typical turnover of a leading UK company. Figures to go with that are less forthcoming, however.

The MMC is a wild card. British Gas will not be able to call on many allies. It can expect the independent gas shippers, who will gain from sharp tariff reductions as they gear up for 1998's full competitive market in gas, to continue their calls for even harsher curbs than those proposed by Ofgas. A referral will also coincide with heightened pressure on the privatised industries as Labour gears up its offensive.

Whichever way this stand-off is ultimately resolved, the prospects must be distinctly bleak for British Gas's demerger and funding hopes. One half of its business has liabilities of enormous proportions with British Gas Trading's exposure to the costly take-or-pay contracts. There it has £40 billion tied up in contracts forcing it to buy gas at higher prices than it can sell it for. The other half has a monopoly business capable of generating substantial cash, but facing punitive regulation. It is a nightmare mix for those orchestrating one of British industry's biggest demergers.

A few months ago, it may have seemed to serve British Gas's purposes to divide and control the two major parts of the company, ringfencing the take-or-pay liabilities in British Gas Trading while allowing TransCo to go its own way and pump out cash to deliver a decent dividend. Now, with the regulatory threat proving far harsher than the most bearish City forecasts, TransCo looks distinctly open to fire.

JANET BUSH

Tory right is wrong on tax

Conservative right-wingers whipped themselves into a predictable lather after Kenneth Clarke gave a warning against cutting taxes when public borrowing is exceeding forecasts.

John Townend, chairman of the 92 group, said that the Government was honour-bound to cut taxes because it had promised to do so in its 1992 election manifesto. If public finances are in a mess, he said, Mr Clarke must go. That sentiment was echoed yesterday by Terry Dicks, a backbencher, who said Mr Clarke should be replaced by John Redwood.

That is unworthy silliness. Apart from anything else, sacking a Chancellor within a year of an election is potentially pretty damaging. Losing Mr Clarke, who has won considerable respect for his handling of the big fiscal and monetary decisions, would be lunacy.

What the tax-cut zealots are urging on Mr Clarke — and what he is resisting — is a period of wilful profligacy that may give the Government an outside chance of winning the election, but, much more importantly, has the huge advantage of making it extremely difficult for an incoming Labour administration.

There is certainly a camp that argues that course, however damaging for the country. Just before last November's Budget, a prominent Tory said that the Government was duty-bound to be irresponsible in order to create a mess for Gordon Brown, who he fully expected to be in Number 11. But such aggressive nihilism will surely not win the day.

If Mr Clarke no longer has much hope of making it to Number 10, he at least wants his place in the history books as a sensible Chancellor. He also understands something that seems to be lost on some of his right-wing critics. The electorate does not trust the Tories on tax. Large tax cuts in November, after the unprecedented tax assault since 1992, would invite derision.

Mr Townend's call for tax cuts because they were promised in the 1992 manifesto is laughable given what happened as soon as the election was won. It is difficult to imagine a pre-election tax bribe big enough to overcome the electorate's weariness with such tactics.

Mr Clarke also argues rightly that lower taxes do not equal electoral victory, particularly if those cuts are bought by cutting spending on education, health and the police. And lower taxes probably weigh light in the balance compared with people's desire for a change, disapprobation about sleeze, and the insecurity in the world of work that Labour is campaigning on.

So, ideological warfare within the Conservative Party over tax is making front page headlines but, in the rational world, there is little contentious about the issue.

The City, always wheeled out by Tory MPs as the preferred judge and jury of their policies, is unruffled by current goings-on. Mr Clarke delivers black warnings against cutting taxes. The City concludes that he is doing the usual job of Chancellors at this time of year — a few weeks before the public spending round gets under way — and emphasising how awful the public finances are to instil discipline at the outset on department heads.

Mr Clarke suggests that hopes of tax cuts are unrealistic. The City remembers that he said the same thing last year and still found small cuts in public spending to finance modest tax cuts. It fully expects him to do the same this year.

It is the City's view that, if he manages to pull off this trick, he will have done about the best that his party could realistically expect. There is a hole in tax revenues that was unexpected and still cannot fully be explained. There has, too, been a worse than anticipated slowdown in Europe that has hit growth here.

And it difficult to conceive that the Government can continue even to match the toughness on public spending that it has, admirably, achieved in recent years. Public spending has always risen in the year before an election. To hold it steady would be a considerable triumph of prudent economic stewardship.

Mr Clarke's critics on the right may argue: "Hang prudence, let's win the election." But they reckon without another calculation the Chancellor has to make. He wants to avoid a rise in interest rates until after the election, if humanly possible. That would be exceedingly difficult if he were to give in to his colleagues' demands for big tax cuts that everyone knows are not justified economically.

How would the Conservative right like campaigning on the nation's doorsteps just as mortgage rates are rising?

Joanna Pitman assesses Burma's economy

British business marches slowly back on the road to Mandalay

Burma's ruling military junta is doing its utmost to lure direct foreign capital investment, with a target of $600 million a year.

This is ludicrously ambitious but since the early 1990s, foreign investment has trickled very slowly into Burma and is now gathering pace.

Burmese Government figures (never safely considered accurate but nonetheless accepted as guidelines) show that in 1995 Britain invested more than any other nation in Burma, now officially known as Myanmar. A total of 17 projects worth a cumulative total of $643.5 million had been approved, a full $100 million ahead of Singapore, the next biggest investor.

British Government officials hastily point out that the majority of the projects are not strictly British, being foreign investments from France and elsewhere booked for tax reasons through the British Virgin Islands and Bermuda.

But British firms are nonetheless beginning to show their colours in Burma. Premier Oil has invested $20 million with substantially more commited to follow. Rothmans has a cigarette factory. The recently refurbished Strand Hotel in Rangoon and other key tourist hotels around the country are under British ownership via Hong Kong.

Caution, however, is still strongly advised. Burma has only recently emerged from almost a quarter century of self-imposed isolation and introspection. Burma's hibernation began in 1962 when the Burmese Way of Socialism was imposed. Nationalisation programmes were implemented, contacts with the outside world were all but totally cut off, an almost paranoid xenophobia took hold and all progress was rejected in the name of cultural integrity.

When the autocratic military-run state law and order restoration council (Slorc) assumed power in 1988 and implemented a series of economic reform programmes, it also threw open Burma's shutters. The country had been in severe economic decline. GDP growth had barely kept up with population expansion and living standards had fallen steadily. Annual inflation averaged 20 per cent and the budget deficit and current account gap was widening. Underlying causes included the overvaluation of the currency, a continued bias against agriculture, restrictions on private sector activity and the inefficiency of state-run industries.

The Slorc's "open door" programme of reforms sought to expand the role of the private sector, curbing government intervention and gradually liberalising agricultural pricing and marketing. Private banks have been licensed, investment incentives offered to locals and foreign exchange trading potential offered to private exporters.

However, a World Bank report of October 1995 concluded that in spite of reforms aimed at expanding exports, encouraging agriculture and promoting private sector and foreign participation in economic activity, the pace of economic growth is still not rapid enough to compensate for the economic stagnation of the preceding quarter century, and its sustainability is uncertain.

British officials insist, however, that the potential is there for significant future returns from investments and contacts made now. British companies are being encouraged to capitalise on Britain's historic links with the country (Burma was a British colony as part of British India from 1885 until 1947) and the positive light in which British manufacturing firms are viewed in Burma.

"The Burmese were so cut off from the rest of the world in the Seventies and Eighties that they didn't notice the decline of British industry. In their eyes today, British is still best, and we should take advantage of this while we can," said one British businessman in Rangoon.

Foreign investment to date from all countries has been concentrated largely in the oil and gas, mining and tourist hotel sectors and has averaged about $190 million a year since 1991.

At least four multi-storey hotels are under construction in central Rangoon by Thai, Taiwanese and Hong Kong Chinese firms, a rather ambitous development given that the new ones that are finished, most of them glossy marble monstrosities, are far from full, and even now that we are well into "Visit Myanmar Year".

Even Japan, one of Asia's more risk-averse nations, appears to be getting serious about Burma. The semi-governmental Japan External Trade Organisation (Jetro) will open an office in Rangoon next year to provide a focused information source for putative Japanese investors. The large trading companies are already represented. Fuji Bank has opened an office as has the Japan Tourist Board. Japan Airlines and All Nippon Airways are planning direct flights to Rangoon from next year.

British companies do not want to be left out of this emerging market but likewise do not want to sink money into the country until economic stability is more certain. Political stability, which should eventually underpin any future economic growth, is still also elusive. The military junta still keeps a harsh repressive gag on all political opposition and Amnesty International has evidence of thousands of political prisoners still in detention without trial.

Judging by the foreign advertising pyrotechnics, however, that line the road into Rangoon from the airport, the international Coca Cola culture has already arrived.

JON ASHWORTH

Burmese days: much of the country is still in the bicycle era

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Virtuoso display from the maestro

David Askham discovers a craftsman who switched from boats to bows

JOHN STAGG is a member of the fast-diminishing breed of craftsmen who make hand-crafted bows for the violin, viola and cello.

In a sophisticated sort of way, his skills make a subtle but positive contribution to the quality of the stringed orchestral music whenever his bows are used. Based in Bristol, he supplies top musicians throughout the world.

The International Society of Master Violin and Bowmakers is an exclusive organisation which *has only 120 members worldwide*. When you consider that there are only six members in the United Kingdom, of which Mr *Stagg is one of only* two bowmakers, you can begin to appreciate the highly specialised nature of the bowmaking business *and his prestigious place* in the world order.

Mr Stagg is a multidisciplined graduate engineer who once built *racing* boats of the kind used in the Oxford and Cambridge annual Boat Races.

However, in 1977 he suddenly changed course and became a lowly paid apprentice with the late W E Hill & Sons, a firm of instrument and bowmakers in Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire. (The firm's ancestry appears in Samuel Pepys's Diary for 1760.)

His tutor thought that the lines of a boat had much in common with those of a bow. After six years with Hills, Mr Stagg, as *senior bowmaker*, was *making* all the company's gold-mounted bows and teaching apprentices.

But in 1983 he decided to launch his own business and eventually settled in Christmas Steps, an *historic area of Bristol that has* a tradition of accommodating music shops.

The basic materials for bowmaking have not changed for 200 years. An extremely dense Brazilian hardwood called pernambuco is used for the sticks. It is incredibly stiff and strong and quite resilient.

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In spite of the recession, Mr *Stagg has managed to build up his* business and professional reputation, with referrals arriving from teachers and professional musicians, *many* of whom he has never met. Most of his bows are sold directly to working professional musicians, music teachers and their students.

All of his work is commissioned and he is constantly forging new trading links overseas, the most recent of which have been with Japan and Canada. In fact, he has been headhunted by a Canadian firm that is reluctant to take "no" for an answer. He regularly exports his bows to Europe, both to retailers and individual musicians, and has made inroads into South Africa.

Mr Stagg is a good example of a special craftsman and businessman who has found a valuable and rewarding niche market.

Concerned that English bowmaking may eventually die out, he is pinning hopes on one of his three sons carrying on the John Stagg tradition. But he has many more creative years ahead of him in Bristol.

John Stagg (0117 925 4538: telephone or fax).

DAVID ASKHAM

John Stagg says the importance of the bow to a string instrument player cannot be underestimated

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BRIEFINGS

A search for 200 companies in the City, Hackney and Islington capable of doubling profits over 18 *months has been launched by* Business Link London City Partners. Companies joining the programme will have fees refunded if profit *increases* are not achieved with Business Link help. Details from BLLCP, 78 Great Eastern Street, London, EC2A 3JL.

As part of the European Year of Lifelong Learning, North London University's Economic Development Unit is hosting a European conference for smaller enterprises on June 20 and 21. Speakers will discuss learning strategies for competitive advantage, such as innovative management and continuing vocational training. Register by Friday. Contacts: Jay *Mitra/Monica* Lapetra, 0171-753 5151.

A telephone banking service for small businesses is introduced this week by Barclays Bank. The service will be offered initially to the bank's 200,000 sole trader customers. *The £4 monthly fee for* Barclays Businesscall will be waived for the first three months. Details: freephone 0800 900921.

Places are still available at Profit from Performance, a conference organised by Solotec at Fairfield *Halls*, Croydon, on *May* 22. The cost is £225 plus VAT. Details from Claire Martland, 01730 266544.

Surrey Training and Enterprise Council will be making its fifth annual business awards this year. A cash prize of £1,000 will be *awarded to the winner* in each of nine categories. Entry forms will be available at the Surrey Busines Showcase exhibition on June 5-6 at Sandown Racecourse, Esher.

Food producers in the Thames Valley supplying smoked foods, organic and free-range meat, fruit *and vegetables, sauces, preserves*, confectionery, cakes, biscuits and other delicacies have formed the Thames Valley Speciality Food *Group with the support of Thames* Valley Enterprise. Details: Simon Davis, 07000 552000.

The Development Board for Rural Wales is spending £500,000 on factory construction in Cardigan as part of its campaign to boost job creation *on the West Wales* coast.

Plea for less regulation to benefit small firms

By Rodney Hobson

SMALL businesses want simple, sensible regulations that are applied fairly and consistently, Tim Melville-Ross, Director-General of the Institute of Directors, will *tell the* Government at a top exhibition for small firms this month.

He will add: "There is clearly a strong case for *small firms to be* exempt from certain kinds of regulation. The private sector in the United States has created 30 million net new jobs over the past 20 years because of the relative freedom of small firms from regulation, compared with a net gain of zero in the EU."

Mr Melville-Ross will introduce the keynote session, on the growing importance of small and medium enterprises to the economy, at the Business Solutions *exhibition in the* National Hall, Olympia, on May 21-23. Exhibitors include IBM, Compaq, Microsoft, Panasonic, TSB Factors, Lloyds International Factors and National Westminster and Co-operative banks. Seminars and workshops will offer advice on topics including IT investment, communications, access to the Internet, funding growth, managing people and opportunities for export.

The latest survey by the Institute of Directors shows that 47 per cent of British small businesses have increased employment over the past few months and 63 per cent expect output to rise in the next quarter.

Mr Melville-Ross will tell the conference: "Where regulation is necessary, a single reference point from which small business can find out exactly the overall regulatory requirements affecting their industry would be invaluable. The Prime Minister announced that just such a step is to be taken experimentally with planning and building regulations. If this is a success, the IoD will press for rapid progress to be made in other regulatory areas."

He will call for a programme to train inspectors to advise rather than simply regulate.

The IoD has welcomed the first *steps being taken by the Government* to rationalise PAYE, National Insurance and VAT through joint registration. Mr Melville-Ross will *argue: "More needs to be done here.* For instance, many would argue that changes ought to be made to shift calculation of the uniform *business rate away from property* values towards ability to pay."

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Plan by Bell Cablemedia for closer Mercury link

By Eric Reguly

BELL CABLEMEDIA, the third largest cable operator, intends to forge closer ties with Mercury Communications as part of a joint effort to compete with BT in the residential as well as business market.

In a separate development, Bell also intends to list on the London Stock Exchange. The shares currently trade on the Nasdaq market and a London flotation is possible this year depending on market conditions, Dan Somers, chief executive, said.

Mr Somers said that Bell and Mercury would jointly develop and distribute certain products for the consumer market, but would not provide details. He added: "We're working together with Mercury more than we have ever done before."

Bell's collaboration with Mercury appears to be part of a long-range plan to link Mercury with the cable companies in an effort to give it access to the residential market. Warburg Pincus, one of the potential bidders for Mercury in the now aborted Cable and Wireless-BT merger talks, had plans to fold Bell and Nynex CableComms, the second largest cable company, into Mercury.

Bell is the logical partner for Mercury because Bell Canada International, the cable company's controlling shareholder, owns 20 per cent of Mercury. C&W, in turn, owns 13 per cent of Bell and 80 per cent of Mercury.

Bell also owns 26 per cent of Videotron, the sixth largest cable company. Videotron is for sale and Bell is a leading contender to take full control. If Bell does so, it could provide Mercury with an even stronger residential access base.

It seems unlikely that the equity links between C&W, Mercury and Bell will be broadened.

The announcement of the collaboration with Mercury came as Bell incurred a net loss of £19.5 million in the quarter to March 31, against a profit of £1.2 million, which includes an extraordinary gain of £9.1 million, previously. Revenue almost doubled to £15.8 million. Greater spending to expand the network and higher depreciations charges were behind the deeper loss.

Mr Somers said that in spite of the loss he expected Bell to end the year with positive operating cashflow because of the sharply higher number of cable-TV and cable-telephony subscribers.

Beazer acquires Church

BEAZER HOMES has acquired Charles Church, the upmarket housebuilder, for £35.7 million (*Martin Barrow writes*).

Church has been owned by Royal Bank of Scotland since March after it bought out other banks that participated in the company's rescue in 1991.

Church will be established as a separate division within Beazer, concentrating on the exclusive homes market. In the year to August 31, 1995, Church sold 193 homes at an average price of £180,000.

In its last financial year, Church earned profits of £4.1 million before interest and tax on sales of £34.7 million. Beazer is buying the business free of debt.

ROSS PARRY

Mark Abraham, chief executive of Fenner, saw a 50 per cent increase in pre-tax profit

Fenner boosted by expansion

By Martin Barrow

FENNER, the engineering company based in north Humberside, increased pre-tax profits 50 per cent to £8.2 million in the half year to February 29.

Profits were lifted by acquisitions, organic growth and operating efficiencies. Last year, the company raised £26.4 million through a rights issue to fund expansion. New shares were issued at 120p each. Yesterday the shares rose 9p to 170p.

Colin Cooke, chairman, said turnover improved 20 per cent to £126.3 million, with operating profits rising to £8.48 million (£6.1 million).

The interim dividend rises to 1.7p a share from an adjusted 1.43p, payable from earnings of 5.61p (4.27p).

Fenner's advanced engineered products division lifted profits to £3.66 million (£2.5 million), while conveyor belting made £1.2 million (£964,000). The fluid power division eased to £1.7 million (£2.18 million) but power transmission rose to £3.15 million (£1.7 million).

Spain aims for quick sale of state firms

From Tunku Varadarajan in Madrid

JOSEP PIQUÉ, Spain's new Minister for Industries intends to privatise "every single" public enterprise under his jurisdiction by the year 2000, when the four-year term of the present Spanish Government comes to an end.

Señor Piqué, 41, a Catalan independent in the recently formed conservative government of José Maria Aznar, intends to establish a privatisations office within his ministry, to be staffed by professionals from the private sector and non-governmental "assessors".

In a recent interview with *El Pais*, the Madrid daily, Señor Piqué said that these reforms were part of a concerted bid by the new Popular Party administration to reduce Spain's budget deficit.

Although he did not give a detailed enterprise-by-enterprise account of his privatisation plan, he singled out as candidates for imminent sale both Endesa, the Spanish state electricity corporation, and Repsol, the state corporation for petroleum.

Señor Piqué said some shares in Endesa — he would not reveal how many — would soon be put on the market. He was clearer, however, on the future of Repsol. "My intention is to privatise it totally," he said, suggesting that he would proceed without delay on its sale. Gas Natural and Enagas the state natural gas enterprises, would be put up for sale too, although this was not "an immediate priority".

Señor Piqué, a former Barcelona businessman and president of the city's Circulo de Economia, declared also that he would like to disband Téneo the state holding company under whose umbrella exist a number of public enterprises.

"I would like Teneo to disappear," he said, "as it adds nothing at all to the value of the companies under it". These companies include Iberia, the troubled state-run Spanish airline.

The minister has also promised a reduction in the number of departments in his ministry and the impending fusion of the Secretariats of Standards and Technology.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Prices agreement seals water deal

LYONNAISE EUROPE was formally allowed yesterday to complete its £823 million purchase of Northumbrian Water. The move came after the Government accepted promises that the French group would reduce Northumbrian's prices by 15 per cent over the next six years and list the merged business on the London Stock Exchange, subject to market conditions, by 2005.

The approval came after the Government determined that the merger could work against the public interest unless there was agreement on substantial water price reductions. Lyonnaise Europe's undertakings with the Government are binding and enforceable through the courts.

Opec's output dips

OIL production by members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) fell a modest 35,000 barrels per day (bpd) in April to 25.78 million bpd but was still above the group's agreed supply ceiling of 24.52 million bpd, the Middle East Economic Survey reported yesterday. Venezuela and Nigeria are believed to have exceeded their quotas in April, although oil ministers from both countries deny this.

Richards resignation

NICHOLAS MORGAN has resigned as finance director of Richards Group, the engineering company that yesterday warned shareholders of "a substantial loss" in 1995's results due to accounting errors. The City had been expecting profits of about £400,000 before tax. The company said the errors primarily relate to costings in the contracting and access flooring businesses. Reported margins were much higher than those actually earned. The shares fell 8p to 25p.

EU to study VW aid

THE European Union is investigating a German aid package for Volkswagen, Germany's biggest carmaker, to see whether it conforms to EU fair trade rules. An official said the European Commission is questioning the DM300 million VW received as part of a larger aid deal as long as VW invested DM4.5 billion in the former East Germany. *Der Spiegel* reported that VW's eastern investment has fallen short, with much of the money ending in western Germany.

MAID losses increase

MAID, the electronic database company that specialises in business information, yesterday incurred a pre-tax loss of £1.43 million in the quarter to March 31 (£211,000 loss), on turnover of £4.48 million, up 59 per cent. The loss was expected and reflected spending on international expansion. Foreign operations now account for 54 per cent of total revenues, up from 42 per cent. MAID recently signed an agreement with Forte to provide an Internet service to hotel guests.

House gloom hits CSR

THE troubled housing market in Australia translated into an 18 per cent fall in profits at CSR, the building materials, sugar and aluminium group, which warned shareholders that the outlook remained uncertain. In the year to March 31, profits before abnormal items fell to A$320.1 million (£166 million) from A$390.5 million in line with expectations. Sales rose 4 per cent to a record A$6.14 billion. CSR said new housing starts fell almost 30 per cent, one of the sharpest falls to date.

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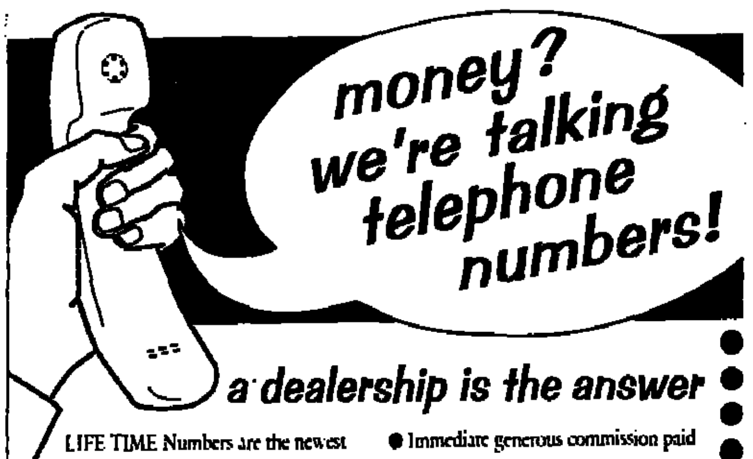

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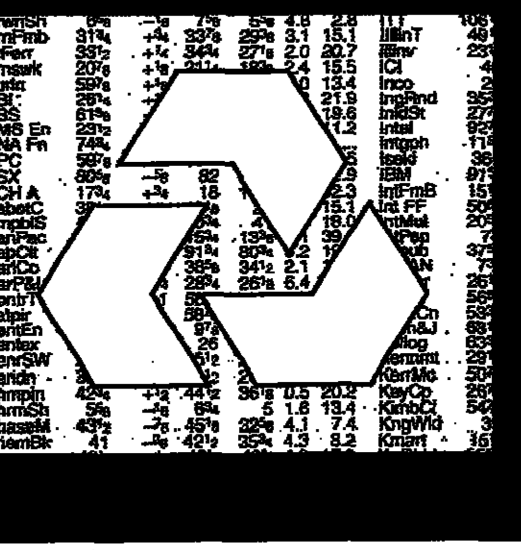

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Gilt & Fixed Int	128.70	136.60	+ 0.70	7.32
High Inc Equity	182.60	195.30†	+ 0.50	4.41
Worldwide Bond	286.00	303.30†	+ 1.90	4.62
American Growth	358.20	383.80	+ 8.10	0.19
Asian Pacific	356.50	381.30	+ 3.80	0.09
Assets & Earnings	303.50	322.90†	.	2.79
Euro Capital Acc	179.70	192.20	+ 2.10	0.70
Extra Inc	44.08	46.89†	+ 0.04	8.05
General	280.60	298.50	+ 0.20	2.94
Global Opps	69.62	74.06	+ 0.54	0.54
Japan	133.40	142.70	- 0.50	
Managed Inc	48.32	51.40†	+ 0.14	4.62
Mastertrust	170.50	182.40	+ 1.00	1.41
US Emerging Cos	222.30	236.50	+ 5.90	
Ethical	83.76	89.11	+ 0.19	2.48
International	143.80	153.08	+ 1.10	0.58
Dividend & Growth	68.52	72.89	+ 0.17	4.21
Global Gwth & Sec	72.56	77.53		2.42
Latin America	64.16	68.25	+ 0.64	
Capital Reserve	143.30	143.30		5.23
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2299.00	2385.00	..	.
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	59.11	61.40†	+ 1.09	0.50
Emerging Mkts	76.56	80.73	+ 1.00	0.04
European	151.00	157.90	+ 0.70	.
Exempt	1061.60	1132.50†	+ 3.50	1.64
Extra Income #	47.98	51.40	- 0.03	6.45
Far East Emg Eco	140.80	147.80	+ 1.50	0.42
Fixed Interest #	24.57	25.55†	+ 0.07	9.19
Fixed Inv Tst	155.80	163.80†	+ 0.40	9.38
Japan	197.80	205.70	- 0.10	
Latin American	57.89	60.38	+ 0.66	0.81
Pacific	90.31	94.83†	+ 0.62	0.28
Property Share	69.30	72.74	+ 0.14	2.41
UK Emerging Cos	73.92	79.91	+ 0.34	1.20
UK Growth	51.72	54.70†	+ 0.18	2.15
Aber World Port #	83.33	85.00	+ 0.39	1.87
Ethical	78.86	82.01	+ 0.34	2.15
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.55	50.55	+ 0.14	7.43
For AEGON see Matheson				
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 258 5868				
Resid Property #	94.55	101.50	.	5.08
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	90.98	96.53	+ 0.19	2.01
Income Builder Inc	80.17	85.29	+ 0.08	2.76
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	273.90	292.70†	- 0.80	3.18
Capital	491.70	525.60†	- 1.30	1.20
Balanced	803.20	858.60†	- 1.50	2.42
Accumulator	1534.00	1639.00†	- 4.00	1.90
Income Trusts				
American Income	61.51	65.69	+ 0.80	2.43
High Income	442.80	473.30	- 1.60	4.00
Equity Income	250.30	267.50	- 0.90	3.95
High Yield	267.00	285.40†	- 0.50	4.10
Govt Securities	33.28	35.13†	+ 0.05	6.22
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	215.90	230.50	+ 4.10	0.05
European Growth	52.11	55.51	+ 0.45	0.07
International	194.80	208.20	+ 1.00	0.11
Japan	222.70	238.00	- 0.70	.
Pacific	445.20	475.90	+ 3.50	.
Secs of America	593.10	639.20	+11.20	0.13
Wwide Asset Val	58.10	62.10	+ 0.33	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	620.10	662.80	- 1.40	1.52
Conv & Gilt	48.71	52.07	+ 0.09	4.16
Smaller Cos	219.00	234.10	+ 0.10	0.95
2nd Smaller Cos	207.90	222.20	+ 0.10	0.83
Recovery	171.90	183.70†	- 0.10	1.54
Met Min & Cmy	191.50	204.50†	- 0.10	0.15
Oseas Earnings	416.70	445.40	- 0.80	1.13
Technology	237.70	254.10†	+ 3.90	.
UK Special Sits	589.00	629.60		0.99
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Calecld Bal Pens	118.70	128.30	.	3.04
Foundtn Pensl Pens	70.55	73.29	.	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	80.85	86.02		1.64
International	71.38	75.94		...
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	346.00	370.49	+ 3.10	
Bond	114.70	120.70†	+ 0.80	6.95
Brit Smlr Cos	125.20	133.32	+ 0.40	1.66
Conv & Gen #	72.96	77.62†	+ 0.22	5.09
Europe	276.60	293.80	+ 1.20	0.57
Euro Smlr Cos	123.40	131.40	+ 0.50	0.61
Income Gwth	394.10	419.30	+ 0.70	4.16
Japan	345.20	367.50	- 1.60	.
Latin American	85.12	90.55	+ 0.56	0.85
Pacific	121.50	129.30	+ 0.40	1.13
UK Smlr Cos	62.97	68.99	+ 0.13	1.20
Japan Fd	733.90	758.80	- 4.30	.
Mngd Fd	201.60	214.20†	+ 0.80	2.79
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	364.30	385.40	..	0.93
Capital Gwth	125.70	132.90	.	2.48
Wwide Opps	225.50	236.40		0.86
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brst Inv Fd Inc	412.00	429.10†	+ 2.40	2.53
European Bd Inc	95.84	98.22	+ 0.43	6.82
Exempt	79.86	84.95†	+ 0.55	3.62
Financial	98.51	105.40	+ 0.90	2.84
500	532.40	575.50	+ 1.30	2.36
General	321.10	344.00†	+ 1.60	2.54
Property	247.39	265.30	.	5.27
Trustee	221.10	236.50	+ 1.10	2.41
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.58	100.50†	.	5.36
Extra Income #	135.00	144.40†	+ 0.50	4.85
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.50	59.53	+ 0.37	8.18
Income #	587.40	628.30	+ 1.80	4.68
Income Builder #	69.73	74.38	+ 0.18	5.30
Intl Income	70.95	75.47	+ 0.52	2.89
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	138.80	147.88	+ 0.80	2.16
Leisure	177.80	190.20	+ 0.40	0.84
Recovery	486.50	520.40	+ 2.90	2.81
Smlr Cos Inc	60.68	65.06	+ 0.25	1.89
Special Sits	388.50	415.50	+ 1.70	1.15
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	172.90	183.80†	+ 4.00	0.10
Aust Acc	299.00	319.10	+ 0.50	1.93
Aust Inc	180.30	192.40	+ 0.30	1.93
Euro Gwth Inc	189.30	200.60	+ 2.00	0.56
-do- Accum	204.40	216.90	+ 2.20	0.56
Japan & Gen Inc	166.00	176.50	- 0.90	..
-do- Accum	168.70	179.60	- 0.90	
Japan Spec Sits	77.25	81.83	- 0.61	.
Worldwide	201.60	214.00	+ 1.90	0.53
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	129.40	136.70	+ 3.10	..
Amer Smllr Cos	179.90	192.60	+ 4.60	...
Convertibles	61.19	65.64	+ 0.11	4.99
Eastern	329.00	350.58	+ 3.20	0.30
Equity Income	95.54	102.00†	+ 0.32	3.80
European Growth	372.40	395.50†	+ 4.80	0.80
Europe	344.60	365.40	+ 2.90	1.90
German Growth	85.73	90.62	+ 0.50	0.50
Global Bond	70.31	74.02	+ 0.42	6.50
Global Growth	150.80	160.59	+ 1.80	0.40
Japan Growth	215.60	230.30	- 0.30	.
Japan Sunrise	185.19	197.20	+ 0.79	.
Korea Trust	84.01	91.22	+ 1.89	..
Portfolio	147.28	157.70	+ 1.09	2.30
-do- Accum	275.60	295.20	+ 1.70	2.30
UK Growth	99.56	106.80	+ 0.90	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	98.91	107.40†	+ 0.20	2.50
Select Managers	90.97	97.52†	+ 0.80	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	92.82	98.74	.	..
Special Oppor Inc	64.43	68.54		..
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	138.46	146.52†	+ 0.82	1.30
-do- Accum	158.61	168.90	+ 0.94	1.30
Smaller Cos	156.03	165.12†	+ 0.54	0.44
Higher Yield #	56.62	58.68†	+ 0.27	3.64
American Gth Inc	100.91	106.78	+ 1.47	.
European Growth	161.51	170.91	+ 2.00	0.10
-do- Accum	164.75	174.34	+ 2.04	0.10
Global Bond Inc #	27.43	28.39	+ 0.07	6.93
Mngd Pfolio Inc	53.62	58.72†	+ 0.46	1.29
-do- Accum	55.28	58.46	+ 0.47	1.29
Intl Spec Opps	169.31	179.17	+ 1.06	.
Pacific Gth	159.40	168.68	+ 2.10	0.02
UK General #	94.45	99.95	- 0.88	2.72
-do- Accum #	98.43	105.22	- 0.72	2.72
Japan	65.03	68.81	- 0.41	.
Gilt & Fixed Int #	98.89	102.48†	+ 0.07	8.60
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7218				
Short Dated Gilt	64.74	65.57	.	6.48
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	190.80	200.90	+ 0.70	1.86
UK Growth	204.70	215.40	+ 1.10	2.05
UK Income	144.30	151.90†	+ 0.60	4.54
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 622 100				
Can Gen Dist	230.40	244.20	.	1.62
-do- Income Dist	121.40	128.70†		3.89
-do- Accum	390.20	413.60		3.89
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.27	42.31	.	6.43
Growth Units	242.00	258.80		2.07
Bond	171.10	180.49		7.50
Intl Growth	250.40	266.40†	.	0.19
North American	250.90	267.30	.	0.19
Far East	320.80	343.10	.	0.70
UK Smaller Cos	226.80	242.40	.	0.95
European	95.98	101.70	..	0.80
Japanese Growth	51.50	54.69†	..	.
High Income	211.40	228.10	.	4.14
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 881 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7495				
American & Gen	223.28	237.00	+ 5.10	
European Inc	92.81	98.87	+ 0.87	0.88
Smaller Cos (4-1)	106.19	112.97	+ 0.18	1.30
Growth	533.20	567.30	+ 2.00	1.54
Income & Growth #	456.30	485.50	+ 0.50	3.83
-do- Accum #	674.40	717.50	+ 0.50	3.83
Japan & Gen	76.36	81.01	- 0.14	
Master Portfolio	£117.30	£121.27†	+71.00	1.86
-do- Accum	£143.73	£148.80	+88.00	1.86
Special Sits	124.60	132.50	+ 0.30	1.56

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	101.49	108.24	+ 0.13	2.36
American Portfolio	120.17	127.89	+ 1.10	0.89
European Portfolio	129.16	137.71†	+ 0.76	0.64
High Income	50.31	50.43†	+ 0.09	7.93
Japanese Portfolio	73.99	78.60	- 0.29	.
Pacific Portfolio	164.65	177.05	+ 1.92	1.35
UK Equity	96.83	103.52†	+ 0.08	3.07
UK Equity & Bd	56.12	59.48	- 0.23	6.41
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	756.68	768.12	-10.91	4.22
Fxd In Sec	152.32	153.94	- 1.52	9.35
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	735.94	747.06	-15.32	4.39
Investment Acc	£33.17	£33.67	-69.37	
Fixed Int Inc	123.68	124.18	- 0.90	9.34
Fixed Int Acc	215.24	216.10	- 1.61	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	87.25	92.15		3.22
Beck Bio-Tech	49.07	52.83		
Acorn Ethical Tst	186.94	196.30		0.57
City Fin Assets	81.89	85.99†	+ 2.05	1.56
City Fin America	119.29	125.27†		
City Fin Intl	97.53	102.41†		0.47
City Fin Japan	168.05	176.47		..
Friars Hse Cap	328.64	349.62	- 0.07	2.75
Friars Hse Inc	200.21	212.99†	+ 0.40	3.81
Beckley Wrld Gth	152.97	162.15	.	
J Sld Inc/Gth Inc	57.90	60.80	..	1.54
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	59.86	63.51	+ 0.41	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	81.84	87.06	+ 1.85	
Dragon Growth	76.06	81.34	+ 1.00	0.36
Equity High Inc	89.94	95.68	+ 0.15	4.19
-do- Accum	126.59	134.67	+ 0.21	4.19
Extra Income Inc	25.93	27.30†	+ 0.14	7.56
Extra Income Acc	27.73	29.19	+ 0.14	7.56
European Gwth	63.40	67.27	+ 0.63	0.97
Evergreen	31.76	33.98	+ 0.33	
General Equity	101.30	107.48	+ 0.45	2.89
Japan Growth	56.33	59.93	- 0.17	
Pedigree Gwth	63.00	67.02	+ 0.44	2.42
Pet Sm Cos Inc	39.13	41.63†	+ 0.16	1.31
-do- Accum	41.46	44.11	+ 0.17	1.31
Retirement Inc #	27.81	29.58	+ 0.05	5.89
Special Sits	48.78	51.89	+ 0.19	1.95
UK & Overseas	60.25	63.93	+ 0.59	0.56
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	68.27	71.02	+ 0.30	4.04
Capital	81.62	85.02	+ 0.21	2.31
High Income	49.91	51.92†	+ 0.39	7.30
Top 50	54.64	56.84	+ 0.31	2.15
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	188.53	200.56†	+ 0.28	4.56
Long Gilt	41.77	44.31†	+ 0.33	6.46
Monthly Inc Plus	48.91	52.03	+ 0.26	8.61
Preference Share	47.06	50.06†	+ 0.24	7.96
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	136.42	145.13†	+ 0.46	5.88
Managed Fund	76.74	81.64†	+ 0.49	2.88
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	51.69	54.99†	+ 0.17	1.79
-do- Accum	61.14	65.04†	+ 0.21	1.79
UK & General	96.12	102.25†	+ 0.48	2.61
-do- Accum	124.76	132.72†	+ 0.63	2.61
UK Growth	187.14	199.08†	+ 2.77	1.41
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	214.72	228.43†	+ 1.87	0.61
Far Eastern Gth	147.10	156.49†	+ 1.13	0.03
Global Bond	82.86	87.85†	+ 0.45	5.64
Japan Growth	124.36	132.30†	- 0.85	..
North Amer Gth	235.74	250.79†	+ 5.29	..
Oriental Growth	89.51	95.22†	+ 1.31	0.28
Worldwide Growth	76.93	81.84†	+ 0.69	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.92	91.92†	+ 0.04	5.27
Homemaker Fund	92.57	98.48	+ 0.36	1.53
Quilter Fund	155.41	165.33	+ 0.85	1.89
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5986				
Consistent UT	36.47	39.01	..	3.18
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	183.50	195.20†	+ 0.30	1.20
Income	71.76	76.34	+ 0.04	4.90
European	73.89	78.61	+ 0.25	0.87
Recovery	182.70	194.40†	+ 1.00	1.51
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	972.20	987.50		3.42
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	112.00	119.10†	+ 0.30	1.09
Income #	283.70	301.80†	+ 1.00	3.97
-do- Accum #	742.60	790.80	+ 2.69	3.97
Smaller Cos	242.30	257.70	+ 1.00	0.89
-do- Accum	299.40	318.50	+ 1.20	0.89
Gilt Portfolio	101.80	108.50	+ 0.40	1.57
High Inc Port #	82.51	87.77	+ 0.37	4.33
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1702.00	1799.20	..	
Japan Small Cos	1462.50	1491.60	.	
UK Small Cos	2215.30	2303.30	.	2.68
US Small Cos	2170.20	2216.00	..	0.93
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	233.90	246.20	..	2.89
For Dunedin see Edinburgh				
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	165.50	176.00	+ 0.80	1.83
UK High Inc Inc	170.50	181.30†	+ 0.40	3.77
-do- Accum	230.30	245.00†	+ 0.60	3.77
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.49	62.02	+ 0.28	5.96
Environmtl Opps	100.30	108.60†	+ 0.20	0.94
UK Smlr Cos #	69.60	74.04	- 0.03	0.80
Extra Income Inc	47.70	50.74	+ 0.38	8.86
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	179.80	190.80	+ 2.50	0.42
Convertibles #	23.12	24.58	+ 0.03	5.70
Equity Income #	143.10	152.00	+ 0.20	3.95
EuroFund	62.01	65.86	+ 0.18	0.30
Financial	55.52	58.89	+ 0.38	1.53
Growth & Inc #	285.70	303.60	+ 0.40	2.80
High Dist #	176.80	187.90†	+ 0.70	4.52
International	457.70	486.30	+ 3.30	0.08
Int Cap Inc	107.30	114.50†	+ 0.60	2.53
Latin American	32.87	34.92	+ 0.18	...
Pacific	91.66	97.39	+ 0.86	.
Prof High Inc	21.98	23.35†	..	7.07
Tokyo	250.80	265.90	- 1.20	..
UK Smaller Cos	263.70	280.20†	+ 1.80	1.07
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	332.18	351.00	+ 3.30	0.60
New Asia	254.20	270.70	+ 3.50	0.21
Japan Growth	123.60	131.20	- 0.10	.
Jap Smlr Co	525.40	559.80	+ 1.40	...
Nth Amer	408.60	433.70	+ 3.60	0.67
UK Inc & Gth	246.70	263.50	+ 0.59	2.81
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Ely Director Glts	115.53	123.57	- 0.07	1.38
Growth Acc	253.52	270.92	- 6.00	0.45
Income	613.67	650.97	- 1.19	4.88
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7281				
Endurance Fd	231.90	245.70	.	0.98
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	93.44	98.36	+ 0.13	1.96
Ethical Tst	51.83	54.58	+ 0.27	0.68
Far Eastern	337.92	355.70	+ 2.62	1.48
High Income	138.65	145.95†	- 0.64	4.76
UK Index Trding	48.58	51.14	- 0.18	3.25
Intl Growth	151.69	158.87	+ 1.46	0.29
North American	147.64	155.41	+ 2.03	1.51
Pelican	135.78	142.93†	- 0.45	3.13
Smaller Cos	75.99	79.99	+ 0.37	2.80
Special Sits	101.46	106.82	+ 0.95	2.44
Tst of Inv Tsts	216.98	228.40	+ 0.09	1.09
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	231.32	246.09†	+ 0.89	1.51
Smaller Cos Acc	412.24	438.55†	+ 1.57	1.51
Recovery	58.86	62.62	+ 0.24	1.36
Recovery Acc	60.29	64.14	+ 0.24	1.36
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	88.56	94.97†	- 0.02	
Fd of Inv Tsts	52.85	56.16	+ 0.08	0.52
High Income #	38.27	41.01†	+ 0.02	11.22
Warrant	54.59	58.25	- 0.03	.
Zero Preference	42.46	45.65	+ 0.02	..
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 229 707				
Family Asset Tst	91.97	97.84†	+0.770	2.39
United Charities	304.10	323.50†	+1.900	3.26
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	.	5.50
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.34	27.42†	+ 0.12	7.29
Intl Bond	29.40	30.49†	+ 0.16	5.51
Income Funds				
High Income	25.70	27.01†	+ 0.12	5.34
Income Plus	126.10	134.10	+ 0.40	3.95
Amer Eq Inc	62.47	66.19†	+ 1.02	1.34
European Income	48.87	51.97	+ 0.25	2.62
Far East Inc	69.29	73.75	+ 0.07	2.23
Global Convertible	26.01	27.68	+ 0.15	2.52
UK Gth Gwth	30.36	32.31	+ 0.10	2.18
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	73.47	78.37	+ 0.55	.
American	330.80	350.60	+ 5.00	.
Amer Spec Sits	193.00	205.60†	+ 4.18	.
Japan Smaller Cos	40.02	42.69	- 0.02	.
European	220.80	234.80	+ 1.70	0.58
European Opps	78.92	83.92†	+ 0.53	0.13
Global Ptr	31.77	33.79	+ 0.16	0.66
UK Growth	121.46	129.10	+ 0.40	1.11
Growth & Inc	172.20	183.10	+ 0.40	2.64
Intl PEP	47.24	50.23	+ 0.39	0.97
Japan Spec Sits	102.00	108.70	- 0.60	.
Japan	198.00	210.20	- 0.80	.
Managed Intl	354.40	376.69	+ 4.10	0.50
Moneybuilder	68.85	73.00	+ 0.35	
Recovery	60.85	64.70	+ 0.03	1.67
South E Asia	184.60	197.80	+ 3.20	0.96
Special Sits	744.50	791.70	+ 0.80	0.58
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	114.17	114.17	+ 0.04	5.50
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	154.60	157.40		1.69
Inc Pfolio #	94.87	96.54		3.53
Cap Pfolio	161.80	164.50	.	1.08
General Opps	138.80	140.40†		3.81
Growth Inc	35.81	37.54†	..	0.95
Private Portfolio	496.60	506.40		1.06
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 366 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smlr Cos	146.20	155.40	+ 0.50	0.49
Emrg Asian	170.70	182.60	+ 1.60	..
High Income	21.74	23.11†	+ 0.10	9.74
UK Income	111.98	119.50†	+ 0.60	4.19
US Smaller Cos	425.20	453.40	+ 7.50	..
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	81.76	85.97	+ 0.16	3.80
Investment Trust	112.92	118.74	+ 0.23	.

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	80.84	86.05	+ 1.69	..
-do- Accum	80.84	86.05	+ 1.69	.
Amer Smlr Cos	731.40	782.20	+18.30	
-do- Accum	747.20	799.10	+18.80	
Capital Tst	400.00	425.50†	+ 0.90	1.18
-do- Accum	584.30	621.90†	+ 1.40	1.16
Contl Smlr Cos	65.24	69.70	+ 0.07	0.75
-do- Accum	68.85	73.56	+ 0.08	0.75
Convertible	144.40	153.60	+ 0.10	5.04
-do- Accum	306.40	326.00	+ 0.20	5.04
Emerging Markets	73.87	78.92	+ 0.80	
-do- Accum	74.13	79.20	+ 0.81	
European	145.40	154.70	+ 0.90	0.35
-do- Accum	152.90	162.70	+ 1.00	0.35
Extra Income	386.90	411.60	+ 1.80	3.69
-do- Accum	602.30	640.70	+ 2.90	3.69
Financial	163.50	173.90†	+ 0.80	0.40
-do- Accum	173.89	184.90†	+ 0.80	0.40
Gilt Trust	63.03	64.98†	+ 0.19	6.74
-do- Accum	95.46	98.43†	+ 0.28	6.74
Health Fund Inc	299.20	319.70	+ 5.70	..
-do- Accum	299.20	319.70	+ 5.70	
Income & Growth	232.20	247.60	+ 1.00	3.16
-do- Accum	362.90	386.10	+ 1.60	3.16
Intl Growth	454.80	484.80†	+ 5.70	.
-do- Accum	505.00	538.40†	+ 6.50	
Japan & Gen	194.30	206.60	- 0.60	...
-do- Accum	198.30	208.60	- 0.70	.
Monthly Inc #	195.70	208.20†	+ 0.70	4.47
Managed Port Inc	123.80	130.30†	+ 0.70	1.60
-do- Accum	134.40	141.50†	+ 0.70	1.60
Quarterly Income #	57.01	61.21	+ 0.21	4.35
-do- Accum #	64.44	69.19	+ 0.24	4.35
Recovery	384.50	411.20	+ 2.20	0.06
-do- Accum	453.90	485.50	+ 2.60	0.06
UK Growth	66.08	70.30	+ 0.11	2.08
-do- Accum	70.04	74.51	+ 0.12	2.08
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	60.47	64.32†	+ 1.08	0.13
FP Am Smlr Cos	214.90	228.60	+ 3.10	
FP Asian Growth	298.10	318.80	+ 3.80	.
FP Australian	425.10	458.10	- 0.20	
FP Equity Dist	442.50	470.70†	+ 2.10	2.49
-do- Accum	974.88	£10.37	+ 4.00	2.49
FP Euro Gth	275.30	292.80†	+ 3.80	...
-do- Accum	301.00	320.20	+ 3.90	...
FP Intl Bond	60.40	63.91	+ 0.29	4.59
FP Intl Gth Dist	39.11	41.73†	+ 0.36	0.13
-do- Accum	57.09	60.92	+ 0.51	0.13
FP Pac Basin Acc	234.80	250.90	+ 1.40	..
FP Income #	59.26	63.21	+ 0.10	5.01
-do- Accum #	200.30	213.60	+ 0.30	5.01
FP Jap Smlr Cos	336.10	358.50	- 1.20	..
FP Monthly Dist #	74.97	80.01†	+ 0.35	5.67
FP Stlg Deposit	100.60	100.60	+ 0.10	5.35
FP Tokyo	88.96	95.55	- 0.39	..
FP Uk Focus	41.87	44.80†	+ 0.09	2.54
FP UK Growth	193.90	206.80	+ 1.10	2.32
-do- Accum	384.80	410.40	+ 2.00	2.32
Stewardship Dist	429.90	457.30†	+ 1.00	1.34
-do- Accum	539.40	573.80	+ 1.20	1.34
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	63.66	69.00†	- 0.02	4.48
-do- Accum #	113.30	120.50	...	4.48
N Am Stshp Dist	128.10	136.20	+ 1.50	0.37
-do- Accum	137.40	146.10	+ 1.70	0.37
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	127.50	135.60	+ 0.10	1.26
Open Cap Gth Acc	132.10	140.50	- 1.30	0.20
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	119.60	127.20	+ 0.10	2.50
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	125.20	133.10	+ 0.10	2.50
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	121.60	129.30	- 0.10	3.39
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	128.00	136.10	. .	3.39
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 108/7				
GANDA	283.30	299.60†	+ 1.90	2.06
Cash	49.34	50.07†	+ 0.01	5.32
Growth Portfolio	91.68	97.18	+ 0.65	0.84
Income Portfolio	70.34	74.30†	+ 0.36	4.14
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	244.20	261.20	..	1.20
Dividend	96.44	103.10	..	4.13
Intl Gth & Inc	251.70	269.20	.	2.79
UK & Gen	49.89	53.36	.	2.03
Fund of Funds	78.35	83.80†	. .	.
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 8431				
Amer Spec Sits	287.30	307.30	+ 2.90	0.11
European	697.10	744.00	+ 3.70	0.64
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	53.39	56.75†	+ 0.23	5.01
-do- Accum	59.25	62.98	+ 0.26	5.07
Far East & Gen	291.20	311.50	+ 4.80	.
Germany Growth	136.70	145.00	- 0.30	.
High Yield #	48.18	50.91	+ 0.37	8.31
-do- Accum #	52.21	55.17	+ 0.38	8.31
Income Inc	193.30	208.80	+ 1.10	4.13
-do- Accum	217.30	232.40	+ 1.30	4.13
International	398.40	425.50	+ 2.50	0.29
Intl Income	95.06	99.63	..	2.89
Japan & General	458.10	487.60†	- 1.10	.
Korean Securities	72.53	77.58	+ 1.54	.
Orient Acc	184.80	197.70	+ 3.10	0.17
UK General Inc	201.60	215.70	+ 1.00	0.88
UK General Acc	356.70	381.50	+ 1.60	0.88
UK Smlr Cos Inc	52.52	56.16	+ 0.05	1.73
-do- Accum	59.15	63.27	+ 0.06	1.73
UK Spec Sits	105.60	113.00	+ 0.70	1.15
US Growth	190.90	203.00	+ 3.70	
Wwide Spec Sits	160.09	170.39	+ 0.70	. .
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	59.27	63.38	+ 0.52	1.89
Cash Trust	144.03	144.03†	+ 0.05	5.42
Practical Inv Inc #	124.26	132.90	+ 0.01	3.62
-do- Accum #	293.04	313.41	+ 0.01	3.62
UK Index	175.80	176.68	+ 0.87	3.22
UK Smaller Cos	186.28	199.23	+ 0.95	0.58
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.10	24.97†	+ 0.12	7.69
High Income	34.07	36.39†	+ 0.12	5.17
UK Equity Income	155.62	167.51	+ 0.40	2.84
Global Bond	30.24	31.35	+ 0.17	5.39
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	49.06	52.47†	+ 0.11	.
Global Managed	155.06	164.97†	+ 1.81	1.24
Gold & Intl Res	131.90	141.07	- 0.16	. .
Global Utilities	150.22	160.39	+ 1.42	1.35
Overseas Funds				
American	201.71	214.60	+ 4.32	0.89
European	133.88	141.95	+ 1.77	0.71
Euro Sel Opps	203.23	215.72	+ 2.58	..
Amer Emerging	180.27	192.75	+ 5.10	..
Hong Kong	161.91	173.19	+ 3.00	1.82
Japan	268.65	285.63	- 0.78	.
Pacific Growth	244.03	260.99	+ 2.15	.
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	258.37	258.37†	+ 1.83	1.94
Long Term Bal	277.60	277.60†	+ 1.73	2.80
Med Term Bal	226.89	226.89†	+ 0.88	2.99
UK Equity	295.39	295.39†	+ 1.42	2.42
UK Emerging Cos	182.92	182.92	+ 0.37	1.82
American	321.11	321.11	+ 8.20	1.01
Japan	143.08	143.08	- 0.16	.
European	344.22	344.22	+ 3.99	0.83
Index Linked Gilt	178.51	178.51	+ 0.23	2.72
Fixed Interest	168.78	168.78†	+ 1.16	6.51
Amer Emerging	410.38	410.38	+ 9.41	. .
Pacific	267.90	267.90	+ 2.65	0.89
Emerging Mkts	134.49	134.49	+ 2.32	0.21
Index Strat Japan	162.64	162.64	- 0.52	0.09
-do- Pacific Rim	218.26	218.26	+ 2.95	1.18
-do- Cont Europe	187.08	187.08	+ 4.55	1.65
Index Strat USA	186.84	186.84	+ 3.38	1.75
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	121.47	129.22	+ 0.81	.
Med Term Bal	107.79	114.67	+ 0.44	...
Long Term Bal	124.52	132.47	+ 0.83	. .
UK Equity	136.53	145.24	+ 0.70	..
UK Emerging Cos	85.81	91.07	+ 0.19	.
American	148.41	157.88	+ 3.05	. .
Japan	68.28	72.64	- 0.87	.
European	142.65	151.75	+ 1.75	. .
Fixed Interest	86.30	91.81	+ 0.63	..
Index Linked Gilt	79.31	84.37	+ 0.17	
Deposit	85.99	91.47	+ 0.03	.
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	165.34	174.64	- 0.07	0.49
BrcWr Gth Port Inc	75.07	79.23	+ 0.10	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	83.08	88.58†	+ 0.08	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	64.59	68.17	- 0.05	0.18
Shaw Utilities	58.43	61.67†	- 0.03	3.15
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stg & Intl Inc	624.13	663.97	.	1.45
-do- Accum	704.82	749.82	..	1.49
European Inc	179.09	190.01	..	0.87
Amalgam Inc	167.04	178.84		0.33
N America Inc	432.58	460.19	.	0.49
Far East Inc	408.49	434.58	. .	0.69
-do- Accum	423.36	450.38	.	0.09
UK Dvdl Inc	211.34	224.83	.	2.36
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc #	103.52	110.71	+ 0.81	4.36
UK Small Cos	69.24	72.98	+ 0.18	0.58
British Growth	68.87	72.79†	+ 0.46	2.73
American Gwth	308.78	326.10	+ 7.85	
Japan Gwth	74.64	80.85	- 0.24	
Greater China	201.16	215.14	+ 2.82	0.19
Pacific Strategy	172.17	184.13	+ 1.47	.
European Gwth	112.92	120.76	+ 0.85	0.48
Intl Growth	177.23	189.54	+ 1.65	
US Index (£)	17.6513	18.5987	+0.1800	4.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	95.41	102.03	+ 0.29	2.17
Monthly Income	41.57	44.34†	+ 0.18	8.00
MS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Gvd UK Index (£)	13.7291	14.4940†	+0.1768	4.75
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	113.58	120.83	..	1.51
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9868				
European	581.20	620.90	+ 5.40	0.43
Gilt & Fixed	126.80	134.50	+ 1.10	5.97
Growth Equity	427.10	456.20	+ 3.80	1.11
Income Trust	152.10	162.40	+ 0.30	4.39
International	219.00	233.90	+ 1.90	0.04
Japan Trust	137.50	146.90	- 1.00	.
Nth American	366.00	391.00†	+ 7.90	.
Pacific	636.50	680.00†	+ 8.50	
Guardhill	642.80	686.70	+ 5.10	1.15
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	108.74	112.84	+ 0.31	5.20
Global High Inc	102.58	106.49†	+ 0.86	6.05
Corporate Bond	102.68	106.59	+ 0.85	7.29
Eqty & Bond Inc	109.32	116.23†	+ 0.20	4.61
European Growth	125.56	133.49	+ 1.44	..
Intl PEP Trust	70.88	75.36	+ 0.87	
Equity Inc	135.12	143.67†	+ 1.98	3.96
-do- Accum	196.34	208.76	+ 2.87	3.96
Recovery	387.10	417.50	+ 2.30	2.02
-do- Accum	457.60	486.50	+ 2.70	2.02
St Vinc High Inc	132.01	133.99	+ 0.35	7.29
Uk Emerg Cos	314.90	334.80†	+ 0.30	2.19
UK Smlr Cos	431.30	438.90	+ 3.90	2.27
Glob Priv Tst	117.07	124.48†	+ 1.85	1.46
-do- Accum	119.44	127.00	+ 1.89	1.46
Inc Share Tst	88.29	93.87	+ 0.04	9.32
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050 01904 611110				
Growth	32.58	34.54	+ 0.07	1.76
Growth Acc	33.28	35.29	+ 0.07	1.76
Income	31.37	33.26	+ 0.05	4.09
Income Acc	32.72	34.69	+0.06.00	4.09
Accumulation Tst	24.46	26.48	- 0.05	2.20
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 300				
High Provider	97.53	100.90†	+ 0.50	6.56
Model Pfolio	238.60	250.70	+ 1.30	2.34
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 0845 464949 Dealing: 0845 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	389.58	415.78	+ 1.66	0.87
Best of British	73.04	77.63†	+ 0.19	2.37
UK Smaller Cos	156.59	168.33	+ 0.84	1.18
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	311.77	332.02	+ 0.86	3.24
-do- Accum #	853.65	910.75	+ 2.39	3.24
High Income	341.97	365.58†	+ 0.12	4.58
Extra Income #	295.98	314.78	+ 0.63	5.65
Pref & Bond	48.31	49.93†	+ 0.18	8.30
International				
International	332.40	353.11†	+ 2.41	...
Global Bond	56.78	59.72	+ 0.44	5.66
Intl Port Tst	100.89	107.90	+ 0.09	8.31
Global Tech	267.86	286.35†	+ 4.54	.
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	205.03	219.25	+ 3.44	0.16
European	807.94	843.98†	+ 5.27	1.58

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	181.39	193.29†	+ 0.17	2.20
European Value	90.04	95.93†	+ 0.53	1.32
-do- Accum	96.87	103.20	+ 0.57	1.32
Japan Trust	248.04	263.80	- 0.60	
Japan Smlr Cos	260.90	277.84†	+ 0.07	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	270.82	288.53†	+ 0.96	...
North American	314.42	333.57	+ 5.52	..
American Smaller	188.36	201.29†	+ 4.75	.
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	180.10	188.69	+ 0.40	4.71
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	117.21	122.74†	+ 0.49	1.90
Capital	206.85	216.60	+ 1.09	1.30
Dollar	501.32	524.95†	+11.68	.
Enterprise Gth	435.53	456.05	+ 1.94	1.14
European	281.77	295.05	+ 3.10	0.41
Far East	351.78	368.36	+ 3.70	.
Financial	998.94	£10.46	+ 8.18	1.93
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.74	26.78†	+ 0.11	7.41
High Yield	110.16	115.35	+ 0.31	3.90
Income & Growth	157.28	164.69†	+ 0.48	3.41
International	308.44	322.97	+ 2.73	..
Japanese General	236.86	248.02	+ 1.04	..
Japan Tech	103.43	108.30	- 0.08	..
Nat Resources	99.30	103.98†	+ 0.85	..
Portfolio	87.44	91.56†	+ 0.41	1.28
Special Sits	207.85	217.64	+ 3.19	0.20
UK Emerging Cos	128.40	134.45	+ 0.58	0.84
US Smaller Cos	161.86	169.51	+ 3.60	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 880 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	626.80	671.10	...	5.08
Capital	704.20	751.60†	.	2.40
High Income #	113.00	120.60†	.	5.83
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	600.50	638.60†	...	0.55
European Gwth	142.10	151.30	..	.
Japan Gwth	310.22	330.80	..	.
Japan Smlr Cos	37.85	40.40	.	
Asian	68.07	72.65	.	0.09
Sing & Malay Gwth	92.33	98.54†	...	
Hong Kong Gwth	128.20	136.80	.	1.31
Global Bond	22.76	24.04	..	5.42
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	164.10	164.90	..	3.43
Trble Index	132.50	135.70	..	2.06
THE FOOTSIE FUND	62.57	62.88		3.06
Index Funds-International				
American Index	271.20	272.60	..	1.09
Eurotrack 100	193.30	194.30	.	1.35
Japan Index	87.11	87.55	...	0.86
Tiger Index	227.90	229.00	..	0.39
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	50.14	52.12†	+ 0.33	0.62
General Funds				
Managed Dist	88.38	92.92†	+ 0.36	1.22
Managed	91.84	95.47†	+ 0.41	1.22
Repect Child Fnd	98.22	102.10†	+ 0.40	2.12
UK Growth	69.71	72.46†	+ 0.36	1.92
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	87.97	91.44†	+ 0.30	6.56
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.52	27.38†	+ 0.15	8.25
UK Inc & Gwth	46.70	48.54†	+ 0.10	3.04
UK Income #	368.38	382.80†	+ 0.50	4.67
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	62.69	64.94†	+ 1.33	0.11
Amer Smlr Cos	177.60	184.60	+ 7.30	
-do- Accum	179.50	186.60	+ 7.40	..
Europe Gth	227.50	236.00	- 1.60	..
-do- Accum	235.60	244.40	- 1.60	..
Euro Smaller Cos	43.84	45.57	+ 0.02	...
French Growth	97.45	101.30†	+ 0.70	0.33
-do- Accum	105.20	109.40†	+ 0.70	0.33
H Kong & China	93.49	97.18†	+ 1.94	1.31
Intl Growth	68.87	71.59	+ 0.57	0.15
-do- Accum	69.83	72.59	+ 0.57	0.15
Japan Gth	35.77	37.18	- 0.28	.
-do- Accum	35.77	37.18	- 0.28	.
Japan Smaller Cos	43.76	45.49	- 0.12	.
Glob Emg Mkts	106.40	110.60	+ 1.30	.
-do- Accum	107.20	111.40	+ 1.40	.
SE Asia	372.80	387.50†	+ 5.70	0.02
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	55.13	56.79†	+ 0.27	5.96
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc	99.62	105.10†	+ 0.60	3.92
Sector Value Gwth	100.80	106.30†	+ 0.70	2.17
Hy 5 Europe	101.10	106.00	+ 0.40	2.60
Slater Gwth	141.10	150.50	+ 1.90	.
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	244.50	260.00	+ 5.30	.
Income #	211.31	224.79	+ 0.25	3.80
UK Growth	84.69	90.09	- 0.01	1.90
Intl Growth	92.10	97.97	+ 0.58	0.43
Ecology	106.48	113.27†	+ 0.66	0.95
European	187.12	199.05	+ 0.26	.
Far Eastern	337.10	358.60	+ 1.70	.

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	98.68	102.10	+ 0.40	7.63
Gilt Yield	117.00	123.50	+ 0.40	6.88
Global Income	234.80	249.80†	+ 1.90	3.55
High Yield	151.80	161.69†	+ 0.60	5.55
-do- Accum	488.40	519.69†	+ 1.90	5.55
Smlr Cos Div	63.22	67.26†	+ 0.12	3.20
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	157.70	167.80	+ 3.40	..
Asian Growth	372.40	396.20	+ 6.20	0.21
-do- Accum	437.60	465.50	+ 7.20	0.21
North American	108.30	115.20	+ 2.34	0.23
European Special	127.20	135.30	...	0.09
European	179.40	190.90	+ 0.80	0.43
-do- Accum	236.50	251.60	+ 0.98	0.43
Global Eqty Inc	121.60	129.10	+ 0.50	1.58
Japan	450.60	479.40	- 3.40	
Japanese Special	260.40	277.00	- 0.60	
Smaller Cos	145.40	154.70	..	0.99
UK Equity Growth	51.28	54.47	+ 0.33	1.88
UK Index Inc	325.00	328.60†	+ 0.30	3.43
Sirchem Tst	109.90	116.20	- 0.90	1.86
-do- Accum	110.40	118.70	- 0.90	1.86
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Gilt-edge Income	295.18	314.02†	+ 0.37	4.93
Inc & Growth Inc	64.89	69.03	+ 0.33	3.95
Smaller Cos	88.04	93.66†	+ 0.23	1.14
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	297.20	316.10	+ 1.80	1.70
High Income	114.90	122.30	+ 0.30	4.25
International	122.30	130.00	+ 1.40	0.46
European Trust	87.56	93.14	+ 0.73	0.82
Japanese Trust	46.14	49.08	- 0.16	
American Trust	120.90	128.60†	+ 2.48	.
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	451.60	479.10	+ 2.70	2.33
UK Inc/Gth	468.70	497.30	+ 1.60	3.91
UK Income	330.30	350.50†	+ 1.40	5.19
UK Sm Cos	301.20	320.80	+ 0.70	1.58
Euro Gwth	162.00	172.80	+ 1.20	0.46
N Amer Gwth	123.40	131.60	+ 1.45	
Japan Growth	72.16	76.33	- 0.20	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	567.90	604.10	+ 3.20	2.64
-do- Accum	£11.58	£12.30	+ 6.00	2.64
Equity Income #	106.20	113.00	+ 0.40	4.59
UK Tactical Allocto	64.32	68.19	+ 0.43	3.94
European	143.80	153.00	+ 1.50	1.08
Far Eastern	252.10	268.20	+ 2.00	.
Fixed Interest	53.17	56.55	+ 0.30	7.29
Gilt	88.33	93.67†	+ 0.55	6.48
Global Growth	88.53	94.18	+ 0.73	0.41
Intl Bond	55.12	58.47	+ 0.33	5.10
Japanese	79.96	85.06	- 0.11	.
North American	214.00	227.70	+ 5.00	0.66
Pacific Growth	129.90	138.20†	+ 1.40	0.16
UK Index	74.81	78.55†	+ 0.39	3.04
UK Recovery	114.80	122.10†	+ 0.60	2.01
UK Smaller Cos	163.70	174.20	+ 0.70	1.10
US Index	82.61	87.19	+ 1.59	1.32
European Index	91.28	96.34	+ 0.87	1.75
Japan Index	44.65	47.12	- 0.08	..
Worldwide	100.00	106.40†	+ 0.78	1.39
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	56.36	59.70	+ 0.25	2.07
Income	64.16	68.61	+ 0.65	2.94
Far East	61.61	65.89†	+ 0.42	.
North American	140.40	149.80†	+ 2.50	
Global	118.80	127.00	+ 1.00	0.17
European	97.72	104.30	+ 0.90	0.62
Japan	116.00	124.00	- 0.40	
Intl Currency Bd	61.22	64.90†	+ 0.40	4.31
SE Asia	118.80	127.00†	+ 2.00	
UK Cap Growth	101.40	108.40†	+ 0.30	1.62
Recovery Trust	89.29	94.98†	+ 0.18	1.17
Managed	79.21	84.26	+ 0.42	0.58
Cash	50.58	50.56	+ 0.02	4.67
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 530 Dealing: 01634 834 913				
Balanced	388.90	411.60†	- 3.19	2.44
-do- Accum	914.60	973.00	- 7.49	2.44
Contl Euro Gth	81.73	86.04	+ 0.97	0.99
-do- Accum	87.95	92.58	+ 1.03	0.99
Extra Inc	281.60	299.60	+ 0.80	4.16
-do- Accum	757.00	805.40	+ 2.30	4.16
FTSE 100 Inc	117.20	124.70	+ 0.70	2.66
FTSE 100 Acc	119.30	127.00	+ 0.70	2.66
German Gth	133.50	140.60	+ 0.60	
-do- Accum	140.08	147.40	+ 0.59	
Growth Port	669.30	712.10	+13.20	..
-do- Accum	689.20	733.20	+13.60	
High Interest Inc	95.78	99.24	+ 0.75	7.89
High Interest Acc	98.33	101.90	+ 0.80	7.89
Hi Reserve Inc #	106.00	112.80	+ 0.30	6.42
Hi Reserve Acc #	112.10	119.30	+ 0.30	6.42
Income	531.50	565.50†	+ 2.20	3.40
-do- Accum	£14.98	£15.94	+ 6.00	3.40
Income Port	547.40	582.40†	+ 2.50	4.51
-do- Accum	607.60	646.40	+ 2.80	4.51

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Pfolio	177.10	182.60	+ 0.80	2.37
-do- Accum	207.90	214.30	+ 0.70	2.37
UK Sel Pfolio	155.80	159.80	+ 0.10	2.42
-do- Accum	184.30	190.00	+ 0.10	2.42
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	72.84	77.49	..	3.89
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4845				
Intl Income	82.67	87.76		3.82
European	103.70	110.10		0.75
Income #	82.41	87.48†		4.43
Nth American	92.70	98.41		0.32
Far East	191.80	203.60	.	0.03
Japan	67.48	71.64	.	.
Emerging Mkts	93.12	99.59		
Intl Growth	133.00	141.20†		0.75
UK Growth	120.90	128.37		2.39
UK Smlr Co	62.26	66.09†	.	1.41
Asian Opps Fd	41.73	44.63	.	0.29
Glob Gwth PEP	62.35	66.18	.	1.02
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	106.90	113.80	+ 0.40	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	459.67	489.01	+ 0.95	4.51
Global Inc	74.63	79.39	+ 0.53	3.94
Brit Leaders	391.66	416.66	+ 3.02	3.44
Intl Leaders	234.77	249.76	+ 3.61	1.48
PAM Mg Bal Gth	75.27	78.20	+ 0.11	0.60
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	264.10	278.70	+5.700	.
-do- Accum	282.40	298.00	+6.000	
American Opps	134.20	143.10	+2.200	
-do- Accum	135.80	144.90	+2.300	
British Blue Chip	93.74	99.56†	+ 0.44	2.41
-do- Accum	119.30	126.70†	+0.500	2.41
Cash	100.30	100.30†		5.75
-do- Accum	145.80	145.80†		5.75
Emerging Mkts	131.60	141.50	+1.500	0.10
-do- Accum	132.50	142.50	+1.600	0.10
European Growth	316.10	335.40	+2.100	0.13
-do- Accum	343.00	364.00	+2.300	0.13
European Income	84.04	89.46	+0.430	2.89
-do- Accum	131.90	139.50	+0.600	2.89
General	602.40	641.00	+2.500	1.93
-do- Accum	1225.00	1303.00	+6.000	1.93
Global Bond	133.30	140.00†	+0.900	6.11
-do- Accum	171.70	180.30†	+1.100	6.11
Gold & General	271.50	291.50	+3.400	0.31
-do- Accum	280.30	301.00	+3.500	0.31
Govt Securities	92.91	95.80	+0.670	6.39
-do- Accum	189.30	195.80	+1.400	6.39
High Yield Bd	96.82	101.30	+0.880	7.44
-do- Accum	101.90	104.60	+0.900	7.44
Income	181.40	192.60†	+0.600	4.11
-do- Accum	298.70	317.20†	+1.100	4.11
Inc Portfolio #	110.80	117.30†	+0.300	4.71
-do- Accum #	118.50	125.50†	+0.300	4.71
Intl Opps	594.70	634.30	+4.800	0.14
-do- Accum	800.20	853.50	+6.300	8.14
Japan	188.70	201.20	- 1.00	
-do- Accum	193.70	206.60	- 1.00	.
New Europe	232.80	248.30	+1.300	0.81
-do- Accum	242.30	258.40	+1.400	0.81
Pacific	130.00	138.70	+2.700	0.74
-do- Accum	139.50	148.80	+2.900	0.74
Recovery	423.80	452.10†	+4.700	0.57
-do- Accum	556.20	593.30†	+6.200	0.57
UK Smaller Cos	68.77	73.35	+0.250	0.70
-do- Accum	78.63	83.87	+0.290	0.70
Portfolio	93.65	99.42†	+0.470	2.32
-do- Accum	114.40	121.30†	+ 0.50	2.32
Managed Gth	121.90	127.60	+0.800	1.91
Managed Inc	118.30	122.70	+0.500	2.94
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	150.03	159.61†	+ 0.90	0.15
Portfolio	78.85	83.88	+ 0.48	1.43
UK Income Inc	89.47	95.18	+ 0.38	4.57
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	67.48	70.65†	..	2.74
-do- Accum	73.89	77.37†	.	2.74
British Tst	100.49	105.10		2.12
-do- Accum	120.10	125.70		2.12
Corp Bond Inc	96.98	100.58†		7.05
-do- Accum	97.86	101.40†	.	7.05
Extra High Inc	70.28	73.59†	...	6.54
-do- Accum	146.10	152.90†		6.54
FT-SE 100 Acc	65.11	69.17	.	2.85
FT-SE 100 Dist	62.36	65.30		2.85
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.03	57.26	.	6.77
-do- Accum	170.40	177.30	...	6.77
High Yield	231.40	242.30†		6.17
-do- Accum	627.70	657.20†		6.17
Income	316.40	331.30	.	4.63
-do- Accum	724.20	758.30	..	4.63
Money Market UT	49.25	49.25†		4.87
-do- Accum	81.63	81.63†	..	4.87
Monthly Income	91.90	96.23†	.	4.85
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	174.70	132.70		1.48

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	119.00	126.60	+ 1.10	..
Master Trust	68.07	72.42	- 0.30	1.23
-do- Accum	77.33	82.27	- 0.35	1.23
N American Gen	244.40	260.00	+ 4.70	.
-do- Accum	282.60	300.70	+ 5.50	.
NAm Sm Co Rec	217.00	230.90	+ 4.60	.
-do- Accum	221.50	235.70	+ 4.70	...
Pacific Basin	300.50	319.70	+11.10	..
-do- Accum	320.10	340.60	+11.90	..
Small Cos Rec	517.40	544.70†	+ 1.30	1.52
-do- Accum	709.10	746.50	+ 1.80	1.52
UK Eq Gth	159.80	170.00	+ 1.00	2.77
UK Eq Inc	125.10	133.10	+ 0.50	4.13
UK Growth	102.80	109.40	+ 1.80	2.01
-do- Accum	127.60	135.80	+ 2.20	2.01
Worldwide Gth	372.30	396.10	+ 3.40	
-do- Accum	550.20	585.40	+ 5.00	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 873				
American	88.48	94.66	+ 1.43	0.40
General	104.20	111.80†	+ 0.46	2.30
Income	71.58	76.80	+ 0.15	5.40
International	77.45	83.10	+ 0.65	0.40
Japan	64.71	69.43	- 0.24	
Tst of Inv Trusts	77.61	83.27†	+ 0.12	1.30
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	529.20	559.20	+ 9.60	0.38
-do- Accum	661.40	698.80	+11.90	0.38
Amer Recovery	591.90	625.90†	+ 8.40	0.33
-do- Accum	682.80	722.00†	+ 9.70	0.33
Amer Smllr Cos	175.20	185.30	+ 4.50	
-do- Accum	179.00	189.30	+ 4.60	.
Australasian	207.30	219.20	+ 0.70	2.02
-do- Accum	258.40	273.20	+ 0.90	2.02
Capital	1003.70	1060.40	+ 0.40	2.69
-do- Accum	1181.50	1249.40	+ 0.40	2.69
Charifund	742.30	749.70†	- 0.20	5.87
-do- Accum	3744.70	3782.20†	- 1.00	5.87
Commodity	537.90	568.80	+ 2.40	0.24
-do- Accum	793.20	838.80	+ 3.60	0.24
Compound Gth	1092.40	1155.20†	+ 3.80	2.92
-do- Accum	1191.70	1260.30†	+ 4.30	2.92
Corporate Bond	24.69	24.78†	+ 0.18	7.90
Dividend	45.00	47.60†		4.41
-do- Accum	199.20	210.60†		4.41
Equity Income	363.10	384.00	- 0.20	4.81
-do- Accum	491.80	520.10	- 0.30	4.81
Euro & General	644.00	681.00	+ 3.60	0.87
-do- Accum	821.40	869.60	+ 4.60	0.87
Euro Dividend	82.60	87.40	+ 0.20	3.51
-do- Accum	102.60	108.60	+ 0.30	3.51
Extra Yield	458.80	485.20		4.95
-do- Accum	1511.00	1597.90	- 0.20	4.95
Far Eastern	404.40	427.60	+ 2.50	1.75
-do- Accum	539.50	570.50	+ 3.40	1.75
Fund of Inv Tsts	719.40	760.80	+ 1.20	1.79
-do- Accum	1366.80	1445.40	+ 2.10	1.79
General	68.90	72.90	- 0.60	3.69
-do- Accum	200.30	211.90	- 2.00	3.69
Gilt Income	58.38	59.47†	+ 0.44	7.40
-do- Accum	177.31	177.58†	+ 1.38	7.40
Gold	94.10	99.50	+ 0.70	0.96
-do- Accum	111.60	118.10	+ 0.70	0.96
High Income	33.00	34.90		4.64
-do- Accum	137.80	145.80		4.64
Intl Growth	94.70	100.10	+ 0.80	0.89
-do- Accum	166.60	176.20	+ 1.30	0.89
International Inc	111.10	117.50†	+ 0.70	4.48
-do- Accum	173.90	184.00†	+ 1.10	4.48
Japan & Gen	44.90	47.30†		
-do- Accum	48.00	50.70†		.
Japan Smlr Cos	162.20	171.50†	+ 0.60	...
-do- Accum	163.40	172.70†	+ 0.60	..
Managed Gwth	28.10	29.60	+ 0.10	1.69
Managed Income	30.20	31.78†	+ 0.10	4.09
Midland	65.80	69.40†		3.21
-do- Accum	227.40	240.80†		3.21
Pension Ex	1061.80	1088.40†	+ 1.[illegible]	
Recovery	51.10	54.00		2.53
-do- Accum	85.80	90.90		2.53
Second General	77.80	82.30	+ 0.10	3.67
-do- Accum	208.30	220.40	+ 0.30	3.67
Smaller Cos	78.50	80.90	+ 0.10	2.87
-do- Accum	156.60	165.70	+ 0.20	2.87
Treasury	25.14	25.18†	+ 0.01	5.70
Trustee	44.00	46.50†	+ 0.19	4.70
-do- Accum	186.90	197.90†	+ 0.40	4.70
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	99.51	105.86	+ 0.73	1.54
Intl Bond	65.02	69.31†	+ 0.35	5.28
Intl Equity Growth	88.43	93.99†	+ 0.78	0.64
N Amer Growth	136.56	145.13	+ 2.81	0.68
Special Sits Growth	26.72	28.42	+ 0.15	1.89
UK Growth	444.32	472.68†	+ 2.46	2.54
-do- Accum	602.89	641.37	+ 3.33	2.54
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1486.80	1509.10†		2.90
Income #	1033.80	1049.70	..	4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	168.60	172.90		3.50
For Manulife see Canada Life				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gilt & Fixed	94.70	100.50		4.52
Income	98.89	105.20		2.43
Japan Growth	58.92	62.45		
Managed	80.86	86.02		2.24
Money Market	93.00	98.58		4.13
North American	108.20	114.70	.	0.37
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	113.30	120.40	.	1.47
European Growth	124.50	132.43	.	0.31
Gilt & Fixed Int	89.63	95.07	.	5.53
Income	97.07	103.20	.	2.43
Japan Growth	58.61	62.13		
Managed	77.36	82.19		2.30
Money Market	85.84	90.99		4.34
North American	97.86	103.70		2.47
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	112.80	119.80	.	1.47
European Growth	122.20	129.50	.	
Gilt & Fixed Int	81.92	86.90		5.68
Income	94.94	101.00		2.53
Japan Growth	59.95	63.55		
Managed	80.05	85.16	.	2.04
Money Market	79.24	83.99		4.14
North American	109.50	116.10		0.36
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	15.61	16.54		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	475.10	504.90	+11.45	
European Gth Inc	656.50	702.40	- 4.70	
-do- Accum	663.60	710.00	- 4.70	
Intl Gwth	238.20	253.20†	+ 2.20	
UK Equity Inc	217.30	231.20†	+ 1.00	3.48
Do Accum	291.60	310.30†	+ 1.27	3.48
UK Ind Trckr Inc	189.10	201.60	- 0.52	2.48
-do- Accum	230.40	245.90	- 1.00	2.48
US Eq Ind Tsk Inc	274.60	290.80	+ 5.10	0.82
Japan Tracker	81.54	86.00†	- 0.55	
Asian Tracker	244.30	253.00†	+ 3.30	0.16
Managed Inc	191.10	203.90	+ 2.70	2.12
Deposit Inc	99.83	99.83	+ 0.03	5.50
Europe	312.10	336.00	- 1.10	
Genesis	216.50	233.60†	- 1.30	1.39
High Income	21.12	22.40†	+ 0.02	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	108.50	110.90†	- 0.40	2.10
Acumen Inc	99.43	101.60†	- 0.42	2.10
Acumen Reserve	91.11	92.02†	- 0.63	7.68
-do- Inc	72.41	73.13†	- 0.47	7.68
American Growth	69.03	70.93	+ 1.42	.
Equity Income #	102.70	105.40	- 0.10	4.72
European	83.53	85.06	- 0.85	0.58
Smaller Cos	93.35	98.04†	- 0.03	0.39
W'wide Eqty	79.03	80.97	- 1.65	
Global Bond	45.78	46.39†	+ 0.27	6.06
UK Growth	110.90	113.90†	+ 0.42	1.71
Pacific Growth	128.20	132.50	- 1.30	0.75
Japan Growth	110.10	111.90	- 1.20	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	145.06	154.32	+ 0.14	2.33
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 839 8262				
UK Growth	89.25	94.95	- 0.47	2.14
UK Income	122.50	130.32	- 2.31	3.84
Higher Income	237.40	252.55	+ 0.72	4.32
Smaller Cos	105.69	112.43	+ 0.04	1.58
International	113.30	120.53†	+ 0.70	1.36
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	136.50	145.20	- 2.00	0.10
European Dist	146.20	155.50†	- 1.00	0.10
Far East Dist	216.10	229.90	+ 1.50	0.41
Global Care Dist	90.29	96.05	+ 0.59	0.34
Oseas Dist	1240.60	1319.60	+ 7.90	0.09
-do- Accum	1510.30	1773.00	-10.20	0.09
UK Dist	412.00	438.30†	- 2.10	2.32
-do- Accum	836.20	889.60	- 4.20	2.32
UK Extra Inc Dist	93.26	99.21	- 0.90	3.10
Wwide Dist	128.60	136.80†	- 0.40	
Wwide Inc Dist	88.37	93.90†	+ 0.33	1.61
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 290 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	77.38	81.67	+ 0.60	0.89
Fund of Funds Inc	70.98	74.91	+ 0.30	1.87
North America Inc	69.66	73.52†	+ 1.72	.
UK Equity Gth Inc	68.13	71.90†	+ 0.12	2.67
-do- Accum	73.34	77.40	+ 0.14	2.67
UK General Inc	67.39	71.12†	+ 0.22	2.76
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	47.70	50.25†	+ 0.27	6.91
UK Income Inc	65.23	68.84†	+ 0.16	4.14
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	55.07	58.59	- 0.79	
-do- Accum	55.50	59.04	- 0.83	
Bond	127.40	135.16	- 0.90	6.14
Cash Income	51.15	51.15	+ 0.02	5.47
-do- Accum	67.98	67.98	- 1.02	5.47
Distributor	103.99	110.63	+ 0.42	2.89
European	54.64	58.13	- 0.46	
Foundation	108.91	115.86†	- 0.56	2.51
General	223.56	237.93	- 2.74	1.54
Global	390.43	415.35	- 4.53	..
Growth Inc	144.14	153.34†	+ 0.80	2.41
Growth Acc	146.09	155.42†	+ 0.81	2.41
Higher Income Inc	31.01	32.99	+ 0.14	4.76
-do- Accum	37.08	39.45	+ 0.17	4.76
Income	258.35	274.82†	+ 0.79	3.43
Intrepid	148.11	152.20		1.81
Japan	29.14	31.00	- 0.14	
Oriental Inc	169.00	179.79	+ 2.36	0.50
-do- Accum	174.38	185.51	+ 2.43	0.50
Pers Int Gwth	37.32	39.70†	+ 0.39	.
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	47.52	50.29	.	6.95
Managed	114.30	120.90		2.16
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	144.16	151.75	+ 0.82	0.99
UK Equity	164.15	172.79	+ 0.54	2.86
UK Equity Income	150.02	157.92	+ 0.54	3.23
UK Smaller Cos	143.75	151.32	+ 0.30	1.34
UK Equity Growth	154.80	162.95†	- 0.64	2.07
UK Index Trckg	165.75	174.47	- 0.39	3.35
Intl Index Trckg	177.25	186.58	- 1.92	0.92
International	287.04	302.15†	+ 2.77	0.55
European	250.80	264.00	- 2.88	0.37
Pan European	164.18	172.92	- 1.14	1.29
Nth American	238.72	251.28†	+ 4.70	0.19
N Amer Smlr Cos	253.57	266.92	+ 3.80	
Japanese	104.22	109.70	- 0.36	
Pacific	267.67	281.76	+ 1.92	0.37
South East Asian	302.47	318.39†	+ 4.35	0.57
Intl Bond	140.01	147.38	+ 0.94	3.98
Gilt & Convertible	107.48	113.14	+ 0.61	5.73
Property	83.31	87.70	+ 0.06	5.78
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	343.30	369.00†	+ 3.40	
-do- Accum	364.80	392.00†	+ 3.50	
Japan Inc	121.50	129.70	- 1.20	...
Nth American Inc	133.70	142.20	+ 2.70	0.45
Worldwide Inc	182.30	195.50	+ 1.40	0.25
Hong Kong Inc	168.20	180.60	+ 3.60	1.17
Swiss Equities Inc	89.15	95.31†	+ 0.24	
Wwide Bond Inc	66.94	70.82	+ 0.54	5.35
Emging Asia Inc	235.90	256.70	+ 3.20	.
-do- Accum	236.80	257.70	+ 3.30	.
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.08	50.08†	+ 0.02	5.65
Thailand Inc	184.80	201.00	+ 1.10	1.16
New Zealand Inc	101.60	108.20		2.72
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	72.58	77.64	+ 0.41	1.36
Latin Am Cmp Inc	67.47	72.58	+ 0.74	
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	68.45	69.60	+ 0.34	2.79
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	93.22	98.70	- 0.03	.
Global Portfolio	83.66	89.48	- 0.06	
Global Opps	74.15	79.31†	- 0.28	
Marsh Global Grth	72.37	76.74†	+ 0.31	
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	109.00	117.30†	+ 0.50	
Temple Equity Inc	48.41	52.41	- 0.03	3.05
Hartley Growth	108.80	115.70	+ 2.90	0.25
Intl Growth Inc	93.26	99.74	+ 0.04	1.28
IPS Portfolio Inc	97.15	103.90	+ 0.20	
Premier Perfms Inc	72.59	77.64	+ 0.34	1.48
Roxburgh Smst Co	82.62	88.36	+ 0.40	0.32
International Stkr	89.49	95.71	- 0.12	
UFC Ind-Act Grth	64.92	69.43	- 0.05	.
Chartfield Port of Fds	58.21	63.11	+ 0.03	
Chartfield Sec	132.60	145.00	+ 0.20	
Lowes Intl Growth	56.15	61.21	+ 1.13	
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	254.30	270.50		1.46
European Gth	130.30	138.50†		0.64
Income & Gth #	161.50	171.80		2.85
Japan Gth	125.60	133.60†		
Nth Amer Gth	217.00	230.90†		
Overseas Gth	127.30	135.40†		
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	277.00	294.60	+ 0.90	2.38
-do- Accum	598.60	636.80	+ 2.10	2.38
Growth	180.40	189.90†	+ 0.40	2.66
Income	268.40	285.50†	+ 1.00	3.48
Intl Equity	298.40	317.40	+ 2.30	0.62
-do- Accum	332.20	353.40	+ 2.50	0.62
UK Income	74.37	79.11	+ 0.19	3.01
UK Ints 35	93.32	99.27	+ 0.35	1.91
New Europe	100.40	106.80	+ 0.60	0.30
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	716.68	768.51	+ 7.31	0.33
-do- Accum	719.49	769.51	+ 7.33	0.33
Income	421.75	451.08†	- 1.01	3.20
Wwide Recovery	481.51	514.99	+ 4.53	0.42
Amer Growth Inc	319.78	340.87	+ 5.23	0.01
-do- Accum	319.78	340.87	+ 5.23	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	310.95	332.57	+ 2.88	0.01
Far Esta Grth Inc	333.47	356.66	+ 1.83	0.62
-do- Accum	334.69	357.96	+ 1.83	0.62
Euro Gwth Inc	180.09	192.19	+ 0.97	0.32
-do- Accum	180.72	192.88	+ 0.97	0.32
UK Growth Inc	112.16	119.96	- 0.26	2.67
-do- Accum	120.45	128.83	- 0.28	2.67
High Income	111.46	119.19	- 0.19	3.87
Jap Gwth Inc	233.83	249.52	+ 1.00	0.01
-do- Accum	233.83	249.52	+ 1.00	0.01
PEP Growth	148.28	158.59	+ 0.95	0.69
Asian Sh Mkts Inc	147.75	158.03	+ 1.96	0.03
-do- Accum	148.10	158.40	+ 1.96	0.03
Amer Smlr Co Inc	211.27	225.96	+ 2.91	0.01
-do- Accum	211.27	225.96	+ 2.91	0.01
Global Bond	57.06	60.92	+ 0.86	5.24
UK Smaller Cos Inc	111.46	119.21	+ 0.31	1.31
-do- Accum	117.27	125.43	+ 0.33	1.31
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3827				
American	140.53	149.50†	+ 0.80	
European	93.39	99.35	- 0.31	
Global	74.49	79.24	- 0.28	
Pacific	68.30	72.66†	- 0.35	
UK Inc & Gth	79.92	85.02	+ 0.14	2.00
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	198.91	210.49	+ 0.07	0.57
Emerg Mkts	49.68	52.57	- 1.15	0.98
High Income #	54.01	57.15†	+ 0.09	5.69
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	170.92	181.83	+ 0.70	1.63
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	123.40	131.30	+ 1.90	2.96
Conv & Gilt	124.00	131.90	.	5.30
European Income	86.56	92.09†	+ 0.50	3.34
Extra Income	182.00	193.60	+ 0.80	4.83
-do- Accum	232.40	247.20	+ 1.00	4.83
Far East	469.90	499.90	+ 2.20	0.13
-do- Accum	479.80	510.40	+ 2.30	0.13
Global Income	29.27	31.13	+ 0.19	5.03
High Income	136.30	145.00†	+ 0.50	4.33
-do- Accum	171.90	182.90	+ 0.60	4.33
International	229.60	244.30†	+ 2.70	0.54
-do- Accum	237.90	253.10	+ 2.80	0.54
Pref & Eq [illegible]	42.71	44.90†	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
[illegible]	149.20	158.70	- 0.30	1.35
-do- Accum	164.26	174.70	[illegible]	1.39
Technology	830.62	851.50	[illegible]	
[illegible]	85.39	92.24	+ 0.67	3.02
-do- Accum	98.12	104.40	- 0.30	3.02
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	46.55	48.24	- 0.28	1.70
Cash Haven Inc	100.86	101.39†	- 0.03	5.07
Cash Haven Acc	117.72	117.69†	- 0.04	5.07
[illegible] Tst Inc	105.37	109.13†	+ 0.45	6.36
[illegible] Tst Acc	116.64	130.87†	+ 0.49	6.36
Global Growth	107.66	114.53	+ 0.68	1.39
Equity Inc	91.46	97.30†	+ 0.28	4.49
Equity	855.67	911.35†	- 4.48	2.45
European	267.79	277.50	+ 2.15	0.71
High Income	92.35	98.24†	+ 0.23	5.32
Intl Gth	229.51	244.16	+ 2.33	0.70
Intl Sml Co	99.28	106.25†	+ 0.72	0.63
Japanese	241.64	250.61	- 0.85	
Nth Amer	241.47	250.22†	+ 4.95	1.25
Pacific Mkts	128.52	137.12	+ 1.54	0.64
Premier Inc	47.75	49.70†	- 0.25	6.64
Sm Cos	115.55	122.93†	- 2.77	1.64
Spec Sits	127.13	136.14	- 0.96	2.67
UK Growth	145.09	154.35	- 0.69	2.31
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	338.20	358.80†	- 1.50	3.14
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	676.94	719.50	-14.15	0.47
FA America (Acc)	791.69	841.46	+16.55	0.47
FA UK Equity Inc	182.47	194.85†	+ 0.53	
FA Japan	262.39	279.27	- 1.38	
FA Major UK Cos	113.71	121.25	+ 0.62	1.76
FA Smlr UK Cos	383.97	421.36	+ 1.38	0.71
FA European	411.97	437.17	+ 4.59	0.32
FA Amer Smlr Cos	61.46	65.72	+ 1.25	
FA Asia	60.02	64.31	+ 0.79	
FA Jap Smlr Cos	47.96	51.22	- 0.02	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	119.42	125.70	+ 0.64	
UK Smlr Cos	115.00	121.04	- 0.39	
UK Income	119.92	126.22	+ 0.33	
America	136.59	143.77	+ 2.33	
Japanese	58.09	61.14	- 0.31	
European	132.90	139.89	+ 1.47	
Gilt	96.75	101.84	- 0.71	
Deposit	88.80	93.47	+ 0.01	
Managed	116.96	123.11	+ 0.61	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	116.10	122.20	+ 0.62	
UK Smaller Cos	112.13	118.02	+ 0.38	
UK Income	116.73	122.93	+ 0.33	
America	132.71	139.68	+ 2.75	
Japanese	56.44	59.40	- 0.30	
European	129.28	136.08	+ 1.44	
Gilt	94.53	99.49	- 0.66	
Deposit	84.99	89.45	...	
Managed	109.38	115.12	- 0.32	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	122.60	130.40	+ 2.80	0.24
Pacific Basin	87.85	94.18	- 0.35	0.24
High Inc Dist	153.40	164.20†	- 0.50	4.15
Ryl Life Intl Cmy	63.82	67.57†	+ 0.32	4.08
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	81.96	87.27	+ 0.72	0.12
Ryl Life Intl Spec	76.37	81.24	- 0.57	
UK Emerging Cos	160.40	173.40	+ 0.50	0.89
UK Index Trckg	191.40	204.40†		1.53
European	164.70	177.10	- 1.60	0.26
Managed	184.40	197.60	+ 1.40	1.00
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	198.70	211.30	+ 4.20	1.52
European Growth	138.80	147.10	- 0.30	2.23
Far East Growth	159.70	169.90	+ 0.50	1.78
Japan Growth	143.20	152.20†	- 1.40	.
Special Sits	258.40	274.80†	+ 2.00	1.08
UK Growth	99.00	105.30	+ 0.40	1.85
Totem General	296.20	315.20†	+ 0.40	0.94
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	187.80	198.70	+ 0.90	0.42
Gr Euro Prog Inc	404.90	428.50	+ 1.00	0.34
-do- Accum	632.98	669.70	+ 1.70	0.34
Growth Inc	161.30	170.70	+ 1.10	0.18
-do- Accum	165.40	175.00	+ 1.10	0.18
International Inc	419.10	443.50	+ 2.40	0.07
-do- Accum	577.80	611.40	+ 3.30	0.07
Nth Am & Intl Inc	413.70	437.80	+ 4.50	0.30
UK Gen Prog Inc	256.70	271.60	+ 1.60	0.86
-do- Accum	294.00	311.10	+ 1.90	0.86
UK High Inc Inc	146.90	155.50	+ 0.30	4.60
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	131.09	139.45	+ 1.79	0.75
European Gwth	91.76	97.61	+ 0.80	1.00
Global Eq	61.96	65.47	+ 0.50	5.00
Japan Sm Cos	60.56	64.42	- 0.12	..
UK Gwth	91.07	96.87	+ 0.32	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	89.18	94.87†	.	3.16
Amer Smlr Cos	156.60	166.60		
Asian Smaller Cos	49.52	52.68		
Capital Portfolio	150.60	160.20†		1.95
Cash	133.10	133.10		5.43
China Dragon	63.69	67.76†	.	1.57
Commodity	176.90	188.20		.
Eastern Discovery	119.90	127.50	.	
Emerging Mkts	40.57	43.16		
Energy Inds	159.10	169.30		
European Gwth	232.40	247.20		0.30
Euro Inc & Gwth #	93.54	99.51		1.69
Euro Smlr Cos	72.98	77.64		0.10
Extra Income #	55.31	57.11†		6.19
Financial Secs	270.30	287.60		1.05
High Income #	47.41	47.41†	. .	7.87
Gold & Exploration	141.60	150.60		.
High Return #	254.70	271.00	.	4.35
High Yield #	257.10	273.50†	.	3.05
Income #	132.00	140.40	.	4.00
Intl Bond	169.70	179.30	.	6.09
ITU	241.70	257.10†		0.52
Japan Growth	194.70	207.10		
Japan Smaller	202.80	215.70†	.	
Korea	68.45	72.82		
Masterfund	67.19	67.53		0.90
Southern Africa	60.00	63.83	.	1.27
Scotbits	404.80	430.60	.	1.16
Scotshares #	351.20	373.60	.	1.83
Scotyields #	276.70	294.40		2.71
Select Intl	160.00	170.20	.	0.55
Smaller Cos Inc #	270.80	288.10†		3.28
SE Asia	57.54	61.21†		0.03
Special Situation	158.00	168.10		1.68
UK Equity #	288.20	306.60		2.41
UK Growth	79.19	84.24†		1.91
UK & O'seas	199.40	212.10		1.07
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	62.22	66.19	.	1.21
US Growth	209.90	223.30		.
Univ Growth	163.20	173.60†		0.47
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	337.31	357.22†	+ 4.03	0.92
-do- Accum	372.02	393.97†	+ 4.44	0.92
European Gwth	91.13	96.53	+ 0.60	0.97
Euro Smlr Cos	111.13	118.11	+ 0.52	0.30
Far Eastern Gth	119.55	127.51	+ 0.79	
-do- Accum	121.85	129.97	+ 0.81	.
Gilt & Fixed Int #	51.00	53.74	+ 0.21	7.78
Global Bond #	53.03	54.79	+ 0.31	6.90
-do- Accum #	61.43	63.47	+ 0.36	6.90
Global Emer Mkts	60.49	64.52†	+ 0.57	. .
-do- Accum	60.58	64.61†	+ 0.57	
Income #	407.34	434.49	- 0.36	4.90
-do- Accum #	£13.49	£14.39	- 1.20	4.90
Japan Smlr Cos	495.64	528.68	+ 0.15	
-do- Accum	496.63	529.74	+ 0.16	
Japan Enterprise	74.10	79.03†	- 0.16	.
Pacific Gwth	168.06	179.26	+ 1.50	0.61
-do- Accum	174.09	185.69	+ 1.56	0.61
Portfolio	95.12	101.46	+ 0.24	1.82
-do- Accum	105.01	112.00	+ 0.27	1.82
Seoul	57.84	61.69	+ 1.28	0.28
-do- Accum	57.84	61.69	+ 1.28	0.28
Smaller Cos	308.82	329.40	+ 0.73	0.84
Strategic Inc	102.05	108.75	+ 0.29	2.37
Strategic Acc	102.05	108.75	+ 0.29	2.37
Tokyo	138.18	147.39	- 0.40	
-do- Accum	139.58	148.88	- 0.41	
UK Enterprise	335.51	357.87	- 0.05	2.05
-do- Accum	409.69	437.00	- 0.06	2.05
UK Equity	298.62	318.52	+ 0.04	2.45
-do- Accum	593.68	633.26	+ 0.09	2.45
US Smlr Cos	241.47	257.56†	+ 3.84	
-do- Accum	241.47	257.56†	+ 3.84	
Institutional Funds				
European	290.60	301.46	+ 2.76	1.37
-do- Accum	326.48	338.68	+ 3.10	1.37
Euro Smlr Cos	38.59	38.09	+ 0.10	1.20
-do- Accum	39.32	40.92	+ 0.10	1.20
Global Equity Inc	94.60	98.54†	+ 0.70	0.89
Japan Smlr Cos	42.46	44.22	- 0.11	0.09
-do- Accum	42.82	44.60	- 0.11	0.09
Mngd Balanced	225.73	235.13	+ 0.79	3.04
-do- Accum	263.19	274.15	+ 0.92	3.04
Overseas Equity	230.71	240.32	+ 1.82	1.16
-do- Accum	240.97	251.01	+ 1.91	1.16
Oseas Smlr Cos	156.14	162.64	+ 0.85	1.04
-do- Accum	164.54	171.38	+ 0.89	1.04
Pacific	300.79	313.32†	+ 3.42	1.15
-do- Accum	333.46	347.35†	+ 3.80	1.15
Recovery	£23.91	£24.90	- 1.75	2.77
-do- Accum	£25.94	£27.03	- 1.90	2.77
UK Index	183.57	191.21	+ 0.97	3.30
-do- Accum	230.94	240.55	+ 1.22	3.30
UK Small Cos	144.08	150.08	+ 0.40	2.32
-do- Accum	158.17	164.76	+ 0.44	2.32
UC Smlr Cos	70.04	72.95†	+ 1.05	0.70
-do- Accum	71.72	74.71†	+ 1.08	0.70
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	58.95	62.34	+ 0.30	3.13
Equity Trust	74.20	78.47	+ 0.46	2.92
Equity Strategy	89.93	95.10	+ 0.23	1.22
European Opps	105.90	111.99	+ 0.32	0.51
UK Smaller Cos	81.65	86.34	+ 0.02	0.87
Maximum Inc	99.24	101.81	+ 0.03	6.12
Japanese	87.60	92.64	- 0.71	
Asia Pacific	140.24	148.30	+ 2.00	0.49
American	136.15	143.98	+ 2.00	0.32
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	32.64	32.68	+ 0.01	5.522
Uk General Inc	62.41	66.53†	+ 0.34	3.20
-do- Accum	82.02	87.44†	+ 0.45	3.20
Intl Income	308.00	328.40	+ 2.00	1.66
-do- Accum	539.60	575.50	+ 3.50	1.66
European	101.86	108.03	+ 1.17	1.67
Japan	75.23	79.60	- 0.43	
American	94.01	99.55	+ 1.92	1.62
Far East	99.93	106.59	+ 1.45	1.35
Ethical Inc	40.09	42.81	+ 0.02	1.72
Uk Blue Chip Inc	38.74	41.40†	+ 0.14	3.04
High Inc Inc	41.36	44.12	+ 0.18	3.63
Uk Global Inc	48.17	51.37†	+ 0.24	1.90
Wwide Tact	83.93	89.45	+ 0.40	1.11
Europe 2000 Tact	69.37	73.92	+ 0.98	1.02
Technology	167.58	178.64	+ 3.24	0.86
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
Uk Equity	464.30	495.10	+ 2.10	2.78
American	353.20	374.70	+ 8.30	0.48
Pacific	451.80	483.20	+ 2.80	0.26
European	670.20	716.80	+ 3.20	1.41
Worldwide	108.60	116.10	+ 1.20	0.49
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	324.80	345.80	+ 1.60	2.12
-do- Accum	420.30	447.20	+ 2.00	2.12
UK Sh Co Eq Inc	283.50	301.70	+ 1.30	0.94
-do- Accum	346.90	369.10	+ 1.70	0.94
Select Oppty Inc	86.16	92.16	+ 0.69	1.59
Income Plus Inc	82.09	87.34	+ 0.39	3.30
European Inc	435.60	463.50†	+ 5.00	0.82
-do- Accum	497.00	528.80†	+ 5.80	0.82
Far Eastern Inc	199.30	212.10†	+ 2.40	0.80
-do- Accum	229.80	244.50†	+ 2.80	0.80
Japanese Inc	67.43	71.74†	- 0.18	
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	242.90	258.00	+ 2.30	0.79
Venture Venture Inc	97.70	104.00	+ 1.10	1.03
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 668 3724				
Equity Inc	439.10	468.30	+ 2.60	2.31
-do- Accum	665.80	710.10	+ 3.90	2.31
UK High Inc	206.60	220.40	+ 1.20	2.99
-do- Accum	315.00	336.00	+ 1.80	2.99
Europe Inc	469.80	498.90	- 0.10	0.43
Nth Amer Inc	320.60	342.00	+ 5.20	
Global Inc	266.40	284.10	+ 0.80	0.19
Global Acc	286.90	306.00	+ 0.80	0.19
UK Spec Sits Inc	128.80	137.30	+ 0.60	1.71
South East Asia	265.40	283.00	+ 3.40	0.32
Cash Trust Inc	101.90	101.90		5.32
Uk Smlr Cos Inc	128.50	137.10	+ 0.10	1.51
-do- Accum	133.80	142.70	+ 0.10	1.51
Intl Bond Inc	97.04	103.00	- 0.60	5.28
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	158.40	166.70	+ 1.60	0.65
Nth American	143.80	151.40	+ 2.30	0.06
Intl Bond & Conv	126.40	133.10†	- 0.50	6.88
Pocket Pension (T)	234.30	251.90†		1.90
Smaller Cos	113.90	119.80†	+ 0.30	0.74
UK General	159.10	167.50†	+ 0.80	2.35
Far Eastern	109.80	115.60	+ 0.40	..
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	131.94		+ 1.87	
Azec ‡	68.00		- 1.25	
European ‡	162.07		+ 0.64	
Global Bond ‡	91.78		+ 0.70	8.17
Investment Trust ‡	115.85		+ 0.05	0.93
Preferred Income ‡	109.14		- 1.18	4.63
Samurai ‡	61.70		- 0.44	
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.62		+ 0.03	5.20
Uk Growth ‡	113.09		+ 0.42	2.31
Tai Pan ‡	112.75		+ 1.10	.
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	114.00	..	+ 0.55	2.34
Uk Equity Inc ‡	113.46		- 0.51	4.51
Glob Gwth PEP	78.45	83.45	+ 0.41	1.17
Pref Inc PEP #	103.80	109.50†	+ 0.40	5.50
Inv Trust PEP	58.40	62.12	+ 0.10	
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	459.80	486.40	+ 1.50	0.02
Capital	146.40	156.40†	+ 0.60	1.39
Cash	100.65	100.65†	+ 0.01	5.47
European	161.10	170.40	+ 0.70	0.92
Far Eastern	174.60	185.00	- 0.10	
Growth	162.90	172.40	+ 0.80	1.18
Income #	137.50	145.50†	+ 0.40	4.73
Magnum	156.60	167.20†	+ 0.60	1.52
Smlr Secs	549.70	581.70†	+ 1.60	0.22
Thoroughbred	182.50	195.00†	+ 0.80	1.20
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Crdfld Primrose	57.54	61.54	+ 0.06	7.00
Ethical	86.74	92.76	+ 0.80	0.29
European Growth	84.13	89.50	+ 0.55	1.13
Income	60.39	64.48†	+ 0.19	4.30
Intl Growth	116.00	123.70†	+ 0.50	1.17
Managed	96.73	103.10	+ 0.30	1.95
UK Growth	80.01	85.57	+ 0.55	1.14
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	47.22	47.48	+ 0.20	1.54
Global Advtg Acc	51.16	51.42	+ 0.20	1.54
Income Advtg Inc	35.32	35.50	+ 0.20	3.58
Income Advtg Acc	40.49	40.70	+ 0.30	3.58
UK Equity Gth Acc	94.71	100.40	+ 0.20	0.73
Premier Inc Inc	48.11	50.64	- 0.40	7.84
Premier Inc Acc	50.00	52.63	+ 0.40	7.84
Managed Acc	62.30	66.04	+ 0.20	1.35
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	40.23	42.65†	+ 0.30	4.00
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	52.65	56.81	+ 0.30	4.00
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	75.88	80.63	+ 0.40	2.14
UK Equity Gen Inc	54.82	58.25†	+ 0.30	2.14
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.01	32.80†	+ 0.20	6.96
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	382.00	414.50	+ 0.50	1.43
Nth American Acc	59.81	63.55	+ 0.80	.
Pacific Basin	49.76	52.88	+ 0.10	0.34
European Acc	60.39	64.17	+ 0.10	0.74
Japan Acc	29.62	31.48	- 0.30	.
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	4.431	4.689	.	1.10
US Eqts (US$)	3.127	3.321		0.96
Far East Eqts (yen)	278.00	295.30		.
FT Europe	154.10	163.70		1.19
FT N Amer (US$)	2.403	2.552		0.45
FT Japan (yen)	253.10	268.30		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.910	3.091		0.79
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	551.90	585.60	+ 7.20	
British #	1294.10	1369.20	+ 3.00	2.87
Emrging Mkts	162.80	173.20†	+ 0.90	0.65
European	674.80	718.70	+ 4.80	0.67
Japan	150.10	159.40	- 0.30	
New Pacific	467.20	497.80	+ 5.60	0.98
-do- Accum	498.00	530.40	+ 5.90	0.98
Inv Trust Acc	306.90	325.30	+ 0.80	0.84
Mngd Equity	211.30	223.40	+ 1.00	1.51
Mngd Cash	95.87	95.87	+ 0.03	5.49
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 999				
Equity	1049.00	1122.00	+ 5.00	1.98
North America	197.50	211.20	+ 4.80	
Far East	183.80	196.60	+ 0.70	0.25
Wwide Bond	60.29	64.01†	+ 0.42	5.32
European	131.90	141.10	+ 1.00	1.44
Equity Income #	107.00	114.40	+ 0.40	4.72
Portfolio	109.20	116.80†	+ 0.90	1.75
UK Leading Cos	73.40	78.29	+ 0.43	3.13
High Inc Bond	49.27	49.32†	+ 0.15	7.10
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	79.79	85.34	..	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Amares UT	25.47	27.10†	+ 0.27	0.40
European	48.90	52.03†	+ 0.56	0.56
High Income	35.16	37.41†	+ 0.11	4.03
Japan	38.61	41.08†	- 0.22	0.07
Managed Assets	144.55	154.60	+ 0.79	2.47
North American	44.96	47.83†	+ 1.00	0.48
Smlr Co's Inc	38.14	40.58†	+ 0.03	1.64
Smlr Co's Acc	41.53	44.19†	+ 0.03	1.64
UK Growth Inc	64.47	68.59	+ 0.15	2.63
UK Growth Acc	71.67	76.25†	+ 0.17	2.63
UK Income	45.43	48.59	+ 0.14	3.37
Worldwide Gth	42.15	45.09	+ 0.33	0.14
Confederation				
European Exmpt	99.09	102.16	+ 1.32	1.65
Asian & Oceanic Ex	35.60	36.71†	+ 0.43	1.75
US Exmpt	98.72	101.78†	+ 1.93	1.28
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	60.24	63.62	- 0.09	.
Cap Protector Inc	46.52	49.49†	- 0.07	2.80
UK Income Inc	58.81	62.56		3.71
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	35.15	37.39†	- 0.05	5.12
Mngd High Yld Inc	86.87	92.41†		4.42
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	84.05	89.41†	+ 0.05	3.30
UK Smaller Cos	42.21	44.90	+ 0.09	1.70
Pacific Grth Port	55.73	59.29	+ 0.69	0.68
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	306.71	324.58	+ 7.22	
-do- Accum	337.82	357.48	+ 7.95	.
Brit Growth	115.04	121.73†	+ 0.57	2.02
-do- Accum	141.82	150.07†	+ 0.70	2.02
European	129.59	137.13	+ 1.43	0.10
-do- Accum	137.93	145.96	+ 1.53	0.10
Extra Income	205.76	217.74	+ 0.40	4.00
-do- Accum	367.57	388.96	+ 0.71	4.00
Smaller Cos	92.46	97.84	+ 0.51	0.53
-do- Accum	105.49	111.63	+ 0.59	0.53
General	344.30	364.34	+ 1.28	2.10
-do- Accum	737.34	780.67	+ 2.71	2.10
Premier Income	50.08	52.17†	+ 0.29	6.88
-do- Accum	122.62	127.73†	+ 0.68	6.88
Income	367.14	388.50	+ 1.21	3.50
-do- Accum	833.89	882.42	+ 2.76	3.50
Pacific	470.40	497.78	+ 2.63	0.42
-do- Accum	494.27	523.04	+ 2.76	0.42
International	664.57	703.24†	+ 8.10	
-do- Accum	875.66	926.62†	+ 8.04	..
Nat Resources	231.35	244.81†	+ 2.12	
Stckt Opps	131.81	139.48	+ 0.52	1.50
-do- Accum	171.90	181.91	+ 0.68	1.50
Environmental Inv	76.41	80.85	+ 0.42	1.20
Selector	73.95	78.25†	+ 0.34	1.64
-do- Accum	85.50	90.48†	+ 0.40	1.64
High Income	68.43	72.42	+ 0.16	4.45
-do- Accum	91.14	96.44	+ 0.20	4.45
Intl Income	63.29	66.97†	+ 0.43	4.91
-do- Accum	82.62	87.43†	+ 0.51	4.91
Selector Income	65.07	68.86†	+ 0.26	4.26
-do- Accum	81.02	85.74†	+ 0.33	4.26
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 667 1018				
British	395.43	416.24	+ 1.62	2.80
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	243.65	260.59	+ 2.32	2.14
Glob Balncd Inc	201.10	215.08†	+ 1.56	3.17
Value Tst Inc	146.81	157.01	+ 0.89	1.76
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	44.45	46.22	+ 0.08	6.10
European Growth	342.66	358.80	+ 3.22	0.78
Exempt	645.06	673.94†	+ 3.35	2.70
Global Em Mkts	93.12	97.50†	+ 1.13	0.10
Japan Tst	85.95	90.00	- 0.80	
Little Dragons	105.62	110.59	+ 1.74	.
Nth Amer Gwth	297.41	311.42	+ 5.99	0.60
Oriental Income #	49.62	51.95	+ 0.34	3.10
Preference	128.44	134.49†	+ 0.60	9.10
Tiger	323.52	338.76	+ 5.27	
UK Blue Chip	73.93	77.41	+ 0.55	1.90
UK Growth	643.86	674.19	+ 3.04	2.20
Uk High Yield #	111.93	117.20†	+ 0.21	5.00
Uk Mid-Cap	329.86	345.39†	+ 0.80	2.40
Uk Smlr Cos	134.44	140.77	+ 1.42	0.70
Uk Smlr Cos Div #	95.08	99.56	+ 0.35	5.30
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	113.04	120.26	- 0.11	2.84
UK Equity Growth	101.34	107.81	- 0.04	2.91
European	78.42	83.43	+ 0.52	1.15
Nth American	94.55	100.58	+ 1.86	0.13
Far Eastern	83.58	88.91	+ 0.02	0.73
Money	70.57	70.57	+ 0.02	4.90
Fixed Interest	77.37	82.31	+ 0.32	6.21
Index Linked Gilt	69.61	74.05	+ 0.09	1.43
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	101.67	101.67†	- 0.10	7.40
UK Index Tracking (a)	127.07	127.07†	- 0.38	2.79
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	34.80	36.63	+ 0.23	..
Pacific Basin	49.46	52.86	+ 0.44	.
Global Bond (US$)	0.8697	0.9059	+0.0043	.
Penny Share	49.92	52.54	- 0.01	.
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Challenger	99.34	102.30	+ 0.20	2.90
Short Dtd Gilt	121.80	123.40†	+ 0.10	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7706	0.7807	+0.0003	.
Gilt Income	51.20	53.28	+ 0.17	6.50
Gilt Growth	75.47	78.55	+ 0.31	.
Sterling Bond	49.92	50.74	+ 0.15	6.90
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	56.94	60.43	..	1.49
UK Stockmarket	99.85	106.10	...	2.25
Corporate Bond	47.90	48.04	.	7.34

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. .. No significant data [illegible]

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	480	Allied Domecq	502	+ 2	5.9	18.2
625	500	Bulmer (HP)	607½	- 1½	2.5	19.1
131	115	Burn Stewart	117		5.3	25.3
650	615	Glenmorangie A	633		2.2	17.8
464	411	Grand Met	445	+ 5	4.2	19.2
493	435	Guinness	480	- 4	3.9	15.7
377	315	Highland Distil	376	- 1	2.7	17.5
195	150	Macallan-Glenl	169		1.1	34.7
779	655	Matthew Clark	779	+ 3	3.5	
131	93	Minydwis W	131	+ 6	1.8	
2612½	1708¾	SA Breweries	1708¾		1.8	26.9

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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3584¾	2743¾	ABN-AMRO	3412½	+ 28¾	4.1	11.7
603	529	Abbey Nat	562	+ 6	4.4	10.8
385	322	Allied Irish	350		4.9	10.2
336	288	Aus New Z	311	- 4	5.6	
5343¾	3843¾	Bank America	4912½	+ 137½		
316	235½	Bank Scotland	252½	+ 14	3.4	12.0
819	683	Barclays	748½	- 1½	4.3	9.8
488	422	Bk of Ireland	468		3.5	9.4
482	408	Cater Allen	408	- 1	9.2	6.7
5368¾	4031¼	Citicorp	5175	+ 143¾		
392	318	Close Bros	380	- 1	3.0	16.9
£157¾	£141¾	Commerzbk	£142½	+ 8¾	3.6	
1380	1171¼	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1271¼	+ 18¾	0.4	
3412½	2978¾	Deutsche Bk	3168¾	+ 3½	2.2	...
803½	593¾	Espirito Santo	775	+ 3½	4.7	10.2
1507	1265½	Fuji Bank Y	1376	- 6	0.4	
472	385	Gerrard Nat	385	- 7	7.3	12.4
252	196	Hambros	237		4.0	
1125	931	HSBC†	963	+ 8	4.2	10.3
1099	930	HSBC (HK)	963	+ 8	4.2	10.3
421	385	Irish Perm†	398		3.2	
170	143	King Shaxson	170		6.6	13.2
453	448	Leopold J	450		5.2	15.5

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Gary Slapper asks why inquest law results in so few 'lack of care' verdicts

Neglect and the causes of death

Uproar broke out in a Birmingham courtroom early last month when a verdict of "death by natural causes" was announced after the inquest into the death of 23-month-old Robert Benton. Relatives yelled "Farce!" at the jury who had apparently followed the coroner's advice in returning their verdict.

Robert had died after being shuttled between four hospitals in one day. One hospital was too busy to treat him. One did not have the facilities, and another had no bed.

In a list of inquest verdicts approved by the Home Office is one which classifies the death as having been "aggravated by lack of care". All but those closely associated with coronial law might expect such a verdict to be clearly apposite in cases such as Robert Benton's, but this area of law is fraught with difficulty. There are legal — if Wonderlandish — reasons why labelling a death as resulting from lack of care is regularly avoided in coroners' courts.

This oddity is becoming especially contentious at a time when an increasing number of annual deaths occur after patients have been lugged around the country in ambulances and helicopters as medical and hospital staff struggle with diminishing resources.

Last week the inquest into the death of a 15-year-old boy from the Midlands, James Hoccom, returned an open verdict. The boy died from a meningitis-related illness, having allegedly been refused lifesaving treatment at a cash-strapped hospital (its paediatric ward had been closed) and transferred after an agonising delay to another hospital.

Add to this the fact that last year more people (74 per cent) died in hospital or care institutions than in any other setting, and the scale of the potential problem becomes clearer.

Home Office figures released on April 19 show that of the 560,000 deaths in England and Wales last year, 186,598 were reported to coroners, meaning, in effect, that the cause of death appeared to be unnatural or violent. Of these, most were resolved by coroners after post-mortem examinations, but there were 22,700 inquests.

Though there were 9,000 verdicts of death through accident or misadventure, there are only 35 cases where "lack of care" or "self-neglect" was recorded as a cause of death. These two separate social categories are not distinguished in the figures.

How does inquest law result in so few "lack of care" verdicts when those familiar with death scenarios in prison and the health service estimate the true figure of deaths from want of care as ten times the legally recorded one?

The cardinal legal awkwardness of an inquest is that the coroner is under apparently countervailing pressures. On the one hand, case law says that he is bound to treat the inquest as a "fact-finding investigation and not a method of apportioning guilt". There are no parties, there is no indictment, there is no prosecution, there is no defence, there is no trial.

In one case, in 1982, the then Lord Chief Justice said that despite the difficulties that arise when feelings are running high and the spectators are emotionally involved, it should not be forgotten that the inquest is just "an inquisitorial process . . . the function of an inquest is to seek out and record as many of the facts concerning the death as [the] public interest requires".

On the other hand, there are legitimate verdicts, such as unlawful killing or lack of care, which imply wrongdoing on the part of some parties, although the verdict is not allowed to point the finger at any person or persons. Coroners are frequently involved in disputes with advocates when the latter wish to pursue lines of questioning with witnesses in order to explore the possibility of negligence, and the former want to curtail it as being proper in a civil court but inappropriate at an inquest.

As concern grows about deaths in police custody, in prison and in the National Health Service, and as more bereaved relatives and their lawyers seek to establish a "lack of care" verdict at inquests, the heavily wooded law on this point has been tidied by tree-fellers and, lately, trimmed with the precision of bonsai artistry.

The law now states that "lack of care" may properly be part of an inquest verdict where the immediate cause of death was the omission of care from another person on whom the deceased was dependent. It is, in coronial law, a different thing altogether from the common law principle of negligence. Problems arise because counsel are often keen to pursue "lack of care" as what Sir Thomas Bingham has described as a "stepping stone" towards a civil claim.

Thus Lord Justice Croom-Johnson stated in 1987 that "the history of the verdict 'lack of care' indicates that it is appropriate only to the physical condition of the deceased as causing the death and should not be used to indicate a breach of duty by some other person".

Similarly, as Master of the Rolls, Sir Thomas Bingham ruled that: "Neglect in this context means a gross failure to provide adequate nourishment or liquid, or provide or procure basic medical attention or shelter or warmth for someone in a dependent position (because of youth, age, illness or incarceration) who cannot provide it for himself."

All sorts of deaths which would, in common speech, be attributable to lack of care have been classified simply as accidental, or deaths through natural causes. The lack of care verdict cannot be used to embrace any criticism of a prison or hospital regime in general, or the way in which the deceased had been generally looked after.

If a cause of death originates in a person — in the Benton case, Robert had an acute bronchial infection — then it seems no matter how atrocious the response to the crisis, the appropriate verdict will be "natural causes". Alarmingly, the growing number of ambulances arriving late, as well as absences of lifesaving equipment, will not bring the case within the "lack of care" scope.

In the Benton case, the coroner said: "We should not be pillorying surgeons for the actions they have taken in good faith as a result of their training and experience." That is undoubtedly so, but it is not a reason why "lack of care" should not describe the systemic fault in the health service which led to a child being carted around the country for eight hours while his condition gradually worsened.

Recently an inquest jury considering a prison death returned a verdict of "suicide contributed to by neglect", although this was an exceptional decision.

Sir Thomas Bingham has advocated that the expression "lack of care" should be "deleted from the lexicon of inquests and replaced by "neglect". The new word would, though, still be so narrowly defined that many unnecessary deaths resulting from neglect — as recognised by social observers — would continue to be kept out of such a Home Office verdict category.

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NEWS TEAM

Robert Benton died "by natural causes" after being shuttled between four hospitals

James Hoccom died after a hospital transfer

Confessions of a troublemaker

The Bar lost its exclusive rights of audience in the High Court a decade ago. This was hardly a giant step for mankind, or even a dream come true, but it was one small step in the right direction: the College of Judges had decided that solicitors should be allowed to represent a client in "formal or unopposed hearings".

No one disputes that the legal profession needs specialists to do specialist work, but back in the mid-1980s, it seemed wrong that, as a solicitor and someone who had drafted seven lines of script for a statement at the end of a libel action, I could not read those words in the High Court and that my client had to pay an extra £150 to have a barrister do it.

The story starts with my agreeing to act as London agent for Sir Cyril Smith, then Liberal MP for Rochdale. He had been sued by 25 Labour MPs because on Radio Trent he had suggested their conduct was treasonable when they had voted against the Government on the early day motion to send out the task force to recapture the Falkland Islands in 1982. It was eventually agreed that Sir Cyril would make it quite clear that he had never meant to accuse the MPs of actual treason.

The crunch came when I had to tell him it would cost a further £150 to get the statement read in open court by a barrister because, as a solicitor, I was not allowed to appear in the High Court. I asked him whether he would like me to try to obtain a right of audience to read the statement rather than spend £150 on a barrister. He readily agreed.

When I appeared before Mr Justice Leonard to seek leave to read my seven lines of script, he clearly thought I was deranged or a troublemaker, perhaps both. With patience and politeness he explained that the Bar had exclusive rights of audience in the High Court and that if I wanted to challenge this, I would have to brief a barrister to argue my and my client's case before him in open court. I promptly told him this would be done. With a degree of disbelief, he then said he would need an *amicus curiae* (another barrister) to assist the court in its deliberations. Without hesitation I said this would be done.

Not surprisingly, the application was thrown out at the first instance. But in the Court of Appeal, Lord Donaldson, while turning down the application, promised that the whole matter would be referred to the College of Judges because there was some merit in what was being sought. Six months later the judges came forward with their minor relaxation of the rules.

With help from the Law Society and the press, what became known as "Bar wars" had started. The Chairman of the Bar ingeniously but unsuccessfully tried to defuse the situation by shunting the issue to the Marre Committee. But this group, with the barristers dissenting, concluded that solicitors' rights of audience should be extended. Then, with the white-hot heat of Thatcherism at its strongest, the Lord Chancellor produced his Green Paper on the legal profession.

The dam finally burst with the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990. Since then the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Education and Conduct has done its level best to deter solicitors from gaining full rights of audience. First, a solicitor must obtain a certificate of eligibility — demonstrate that he or she has completed 20 to 25 appearances (not ten-minute directions but half-day hearings) before being eligible to sit an "evidence and procedure" exam. Only when this has been passed can the solicitor participate in an advocacy training course. This three-stage process costs more than £2,300. For young solicitors in the City, who do not normally appear in magistrates' or county courts, getting a certificate of eligibility can pose a real problem.

Coupled with the advisory committee's steadfast resistance to Crown Prosecution Service solicitors being given rights of audience in Crown courts and employed solicitors being able to exercise rights in their specialised fields, it is not surprising that there are now only 388 solicitor advocates; 89 being able to appear in all courts, 216 with rights in the higher criminal courts and only 83 with rights to appear in civil cases in the High Court.

The fear, a decade ago, that relaxation of the Bar's exclusive rights of audience in the High Court would lead to fusion of the profession has faded. Indeed, the Bar has gone from strength to strength. Over the past ten years, the number of barristers has increased from 5,500 to 8,500.

This proves that the legal system will always need horses for courses and that barristers should be grateful to solicitors for keeping clients off their backs while they prepare cases and that they must learn to be more flexible and less stuffy in their arrangements with solicitors and the public.

That achieved, the Bar need fear nothing from solicitors. It is simply not cost-effective for anyone not doing advocacy the whole time to spend hundreds of hours reading and researching cases and the latest developments in a specialist area of law.

If there are other benefits — such as, I would hope, a more streamlined, cost-conscious and flexible legal system with barristers going to see clients rather than the other way round — it will all have been worthwhile.

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INNS AND OUTS

Succession book opens

BETS ARE on as to who will be the new Lord Chief Justice after the sad news that Lord Taylor of Gosforth is retiring because of cancer. The appointee may well be crucial when it comes to the Law Society's bid for advocacy rights for "employed" lawyers (in commerce, industry and government), including the Crown Prosecution Service.

Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, was almost alone among senior judges in backing advocacy rights for solicitors when the Government first proposed them in 1989. As for Lord Justice Rose, the other hot tip, his father was a local government lawyer: he was the town clerk at Morecambe. So he might well be sympathetic.

Lord Justice Rose has one other link with the Law Society: when at Wadham College, he lectured to — among others — Martin Mears.

Lord Taylor, meanwhile, is preparing to lead a judicial onslaught in the Lords on May 23 on Michael Howard's sentencing plans. He is no longer carrying out judicial functions and colleagues say he is likely to occupy himself with his chief love, music.

● *Hamlin Slowe, the West End law firm, has announced it is setting up a new associated firm, Hamlins, to advise on the law of Scotland. Hamlins will operate from London and advise chiefly on Scottish property and commercial transactions.*

Howard: under attack

Less equal?

THE Law Society's Equal Opportunities Award, sponsored by *The Times*, goes this year to the legal department of Kirklees Metropolitan Council. A slight hiccup arose when Martin Mears, the society's president, said he would not endorse it because he did not think any of the small number of entries merited it. The award will be presented by Roger Jones, chairman of the society's equal opportunities committee.

A fine mess

TONY HEATH, president of the Justices' Clerks' Society, has launched a bitter attack on the "shambles" in the criminal justice system which permits £200 million in unpaid fines to be written off each year. The courts were hampered, he said, in fine enforcement because they have no access to information held by other agencies.

Many fines have to be treated as irrecoverable, he said, even though a government department knows the defaulter's whereabouts. Courts cannot even share information with the police: so police could stop someone wanted for fine default in respect of previous offences, but allow them to go on their way.

● *Eversheds, the national law firm, has taken a full page in the legal press to announce its 24 new partners — all men. A spokeswoman said the picture was distorted because the ten partners that joined recently as a result of the merger with Waltons & Morse were all men. Among the associate solicitors, however, there were a much higher number of women who were potential partners.*

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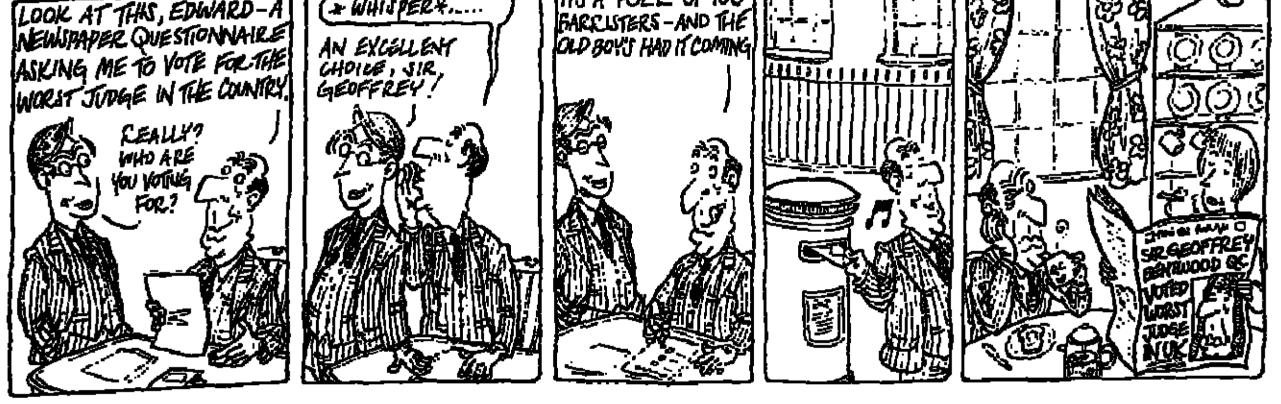
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Television's Rumpole toys with a witness, the kind of image that frightens potential witnesses such as the one pictured above being trained by Mark Solon

Birth of the superwitness

Giving evidence in court can be terrifying. So why shouldn't witnesses be prepared by experts? **Fiona Bawdon** reports

A key witness in a UK multimillion-pound law suit knew exactly what to expect in the courtroom — and was terrified. He'd seen enough American TV legal dramas to know that the cross-examining lawyer would stalk around the court, lean over the witness box to harangue him and probably jab a finger in his face for good measure. (All the while, the judge would bang his gavel impotently, trying to call the court to order.)

Isn't that right? Well, not exactly, Mark Solon was able to reassure him. For a start, said the solicitor, lawyers in this country are not allowed to walk around the court room. Bond Solon, Mr Solon's company, runs training courses for would-be witnesses. Clients, he says, are usually relieved to learn that an appearance in court need not be as daunting as TV dramatists would have you believe.

Witness training is well established in the United States. The biggest American law firms even have mock courtrooms in their offices, into which they put mock juries and stage mock trials to test witnesses and the persuasiveness of particular lines of attack or defence before a case.

But in this country, such training is in its infancy. Yet some of the biggest law firms — Herbert Smith, Clifford Chance, Ashurst Morris Crisp, Nabarros, among others — are already among Bond Solon's clients and other firms may well soon follow suit. Mr Solon, who is qualified as a solicitor in this country and in America, has for some time been training expert witnesses. But now he is offering training for lay witnesses — witnesses of fact, as they are called.

> Needless to say, the service does not come cheap — it costs almost £700

It is usually done one-to-one over three hours. Needless to say, it does not come cheap. Costing almost £700, it is likely to be restricted to "high-value" cases — as a general rule Mr Solon reckons a that a threshold of about £100,000 is realistic. During training, witnesses are given advice about what to do ("If you don't understand, say so" . . . "Don't try to persuade the lawyer") and what to wear.

The courtroom is not the place to make fashion statements, says Mr Solon ("parrot earrings are out") but you should still ring the changes: at one three-week trial, the usher ran a sweepstake on whether the defendant would ever change his T-shirt.

General advice is followed by a mock cross-examination, a trip to watch a trial in action, and a visit to the courtroom where the witness's case will be heard. Mr Solon emphasises that he has no knowledge of the actual case and "cross-examination" is based on fictional circumstances. Witness training is not about coaching on evidence but about building confidence, he says.

If it achieves this, it may be money well spent. According to Dr Chris Fife-Schaw of the department of psychology at Surrey University, research suggests that a confident witness is generally seen to be telling the truth. "Even though there may be no real relationship between confidence and accuracy," he says, "jurors seem to believe witnesses when they appear confident and express certainty about their evidence."

Mr Solon denies that there is anything suspect about this kind of training, or that it gives one side an unfair advantage. On the contrary, it is in the interests of justice, he says. A witness who knows the ropes will save court time and can defuse common ploys used by barristers to undermine him.

> Even experts on familiar ground can benefit from a little advice

A key part of the training is lifting the lid on cross-examination techniques. Mr Solon says: "Witnesses will come back afterwards and say 'I had two quick questions, one patronising look and three turning-aways'. If they know what the barrister's up to, it neutralises it."

Michael Napier, the president of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers, agrees that witnesses need to be forewarned about what to expect, but considers that this should be done by the lawyers. "It is part of a doing a proper job in preparing a case," he says. "I would not want to employ outsiders to produce a 'superwitness' character. But equally, I can't see anything intrinsically objectionable in that."

Mr Solon insists that the pre-trial advice given by most firms to witnesses is of the "speak-up-and-don't-say-too-much" variety, and is, he says, "basically useless".

Ian Timlin, partner at Maxwell Batley, was initially sceptical, but is now a convert after rave reviews from clients. Using an outside body means, he believes, that there is one thing fewer for the lawyers to worry about before a big case. His Chancery Lane firm has now used the training for eight witnesses in two big cases (both of which subsequently settled).

Even those who you would expect to be on familiar ground in the witness box can, Mr Solon says, benefit from a little help. "I remember one police officer we trained saying: 'I realise now, it's so simple. I just tell the truth'."

Reform in the public interest

John Laws argues for some extension of the courts' powers of judicial review

Most civil litigation involves only the rights and wrongs of a particular dispute between particular parties. But some cases — mostly in the field of judicial review — raise important questions which affect the public generally, or a significant section of it. Authorisations for the disposal of nuclear waste; government funding of the Pergau dam in Malaysia; the ratification of the Maastricht treaty — in these cases the public interest is concerned with the decision itself, rather than with ensuring that the law is a just, speedy and economical means of resolving disputes.

Justice, the all-party law reform group, and the Public Law Project set up a working party to examine the law and practice in public interest cases. It looked at two issues: first, how far a challenge may be brought against a public decision on purely public interest grounds, where the applicant has no private axe to grind; and second, how far the court should be prepared to receive views or evidence from a third party outside the litigation, with or without an axe to grind, whose contribution might help the court.

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Such challenges and interventions present a significant departure from common-law convention that the judge only decides concrete disputes between those with a substantial interest. But with the huge growth of judicial review since the 1970s, the scope both for pure public interest challenges and for third-party interventions has visibly increased.

On the first issue, courts are increasingly willing to hear cases where the applicant does not have an interest but argues that the point should be litigated in the public interest. The Law Commission has recommended that such challenges be explicitly recognised as a distinct category of case; we endorse building on this.

In the second area we travelled newer ground. Historically there has been only limited scope for third parties to intervene in the public interest. This is in contrast with other jurisdictions such as America where third parties are used far more. Individuals or organisations can obtain leave to put in a dossier about the merits of a particular public interest issue, such as the legality of abortion. The US Supreme Court, of course, has law-making functions in its role as the guardian of the Constitution, a role not paralleled by the powers and duties of our courts. But the working party concluded that important advantages would be gained if third parties with particular knowledge or expertise were allowed "a say" in public interest cases more widely than at present.

Our report, published today, suggests draft rules by which our recommendations could be implemented. We stress the importance of ensuring that any intervention should be court-driven, subject to the court's control and strict procedural rules; no one would have a right to intervene on public interest grounds.

The overall message is that there are some difficult public interest cases in which the court needs more help than it now gets. There are big constitutional questions about the extent to which judges should become involved in public policy. Generally they take a hands-off approach because Parliament must be where such matters are decided. But the courts play an important role, partly because of the growing impact of fundamental rights, partly because all kinds of decisions by public bodies are now subject to the rule of law. A willingness to accept more input from responsible outsiders to the litigation will enhance the court's duty to ensure public decisions are taken lawfully.

These proposals are modest and we stress the need for safeguards. The reform would, however, bring an important beneficial dimension to the workings of civil justice.

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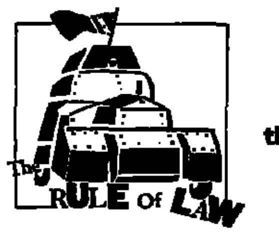

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VAT treatment of overpayments

Commissioners of Customs and Excise v British Telecommunications plc

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Millett and Mr Justice Tucker

[Judgment May 8]

British Telecommunications plc, provider of continuous telecommunication services, was not liable to account for value-added tax at the date of receipt of inadvertent overpayments received from its customers that were not returned but credited to their accounts on their next invoice. Such payments could not be treated as consideration received on account of future supplies and they became subject to output tax for the period for which the subsequent invoice was issued.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise from Mr Justice Dyson (*The Times* January 30, 1995; [1995] STC 239) who had upheld the decision of a VAT tribunal to allow BT's appeal against an assessment to VAT dated January 1992 in the sum of £2.6 million.

Mr Kenneth Parker, QC, for the commissioners; Mr David Milne, QC and Mr A. J. Shipwright for BT.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that the case concerned a question of general importance both in the UK and in other EC member states on the liability to output tax of a taxable trader who made continuous supplies of goods or services and who invoiced and received payment from customers at periodic intervals in the course of a continuing contractual relationship with the customer.

Under the UK legislation the supplier had to account for output tax at the date when payment for the supply was received or at the date when he issued an invoice relating to the supply, whichever was the earlier. The question was concerned with the supplier's liability to output tax where the customer, in settling his present liability, mistakenly made an overpayment and the supplier instead of repaying the amount of the overpayment immediately, retained it and credited the customer with it when next invoicing him.

The commissioners contended that the overpayment had to be treated as a payment on account of future supplies with the result that the VAT was payable at the date of receipt of the overpayment.

BT issued invoices to its customers quarterly, accounting for output tax quarterly on the basis of the invoices issued in the relevant quarter. From time to time customers inadvertently made overpayments, the most common mistake being double payment. Any such payment gave rise to an immediate liability on BT's part to make repayment to the customer. It did not do so. Having 20 million customers, the administrative inconvenience of making repayments would probably be out of all proportion to the individual sums involved.Unless a repayment was requested, BT credited a customer's running account with the amount received and took the amount of the overpayment into account when calculating the next quarter's invoice.

Although the individual amounts were small, the total sums were substantial. In a two-month period BT received no less than £17 million in overpayments from customers.

VAT was a European tax governed by the Sixth Council Directive 77/388/EEC (OJ 1977 L145/1). It was a tax on "the supply of goods or services effected for consideration ... by a taxable person acting as such" (article 2). The taxable amount was "everything which constitutes the consideration which has been or is to be obtained by the supplier from the ... customer" (article 1A(1)).

The European Court of Justice cases established the need for a direct link between the service provided and the consideration for that service.

The basic tax point, that was to say the time at which output tax was chargeable, was by reference to the time when the goods were delivered or the services performed: see article 10(2) of the directive and section 4 of the Value Added Tax Act 1983.

However the tax point was brought forward when a payment was to be "made on account before the goods are delivered or the services are performed", when the tax was chargeable on receipt of the payment and on the amount received: article 10(2) and section 5(1) of the 1983 Act.

Regulation 23(1) of the Value Added Tax (General) Regulations (SI 1985 No 886) enacted a special regime for continuous supplies of services.

Accordingly, the question for decision was whether, where there was a continuous supply of services, the amount of an inadvertent overpayment by a customer of the amount for which he had been invoiced and which was retained by the supplier and credited to the customer on his next invoice, fell to be treated as paid "on account of" or received "in respect of" future services.

Nothing in the Sixth Directive or in the 1983 Act required an affirmative answer to the question. The inadvertent overpayment of a current debt was not a payment on account of a future liability. It was not paid on account of or in respect of future supplies.

The customer intended it in payment for past supplies and since it was not due when made, it was made for no consideration. Under English law the recipient was under an obligation to repay the amount of the overpayment immediately it was received.

The existence of that legal obligation was destructive of the commissioners' claim. If the money was repayable notwithstanding the continuation of the supply then it could not be a payment made on account of or in respect of the continuing supply.

The judge was correct in his view that such payments were not in respect of future services, being simply payments made by mistake. Nor was the payment received in respect of future supplies.

It was not an appropriation by BT of the amount in question towards a customer's future liability. Under English law a creditor had no right, without the agreement of his debtor, to appropriate a payment to a debt unless the debt to which it was appropriated was presently due and payable. There was no debt due in respect of future supplies until the relevant invoice was issued.

Lord Justice Nourse delivered a concurring judgment and Mr Justice Tucker agreed.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs and Excise; Mr A. Whitfield.

Stopping vehicle on road with double white lines

McKenzie v Director of Public Prosecutions

Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Newman

[Judgment May 2]

The prohibition imposed on any vehicle stopping on any length of road along which centre double white lines were placed did not apply to a vehicle stopping as long as necessary to enable a person to board or alight.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when allowing an appeal by case stated by Keith McKenzie from St Albans Crown Court (Judge Gosshalk and justices) which had dismissed his appeal against conviction by Bishops Stortford Justices on April 12, 1995 of failing to conform with the indication given by a traffic sign namely a double white line contrary to section 36(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1988. The case was remitted to the justices with a direction to acquit.

Mr Christopher Drew for Mr McKenzie; Mr Andrew Campbell-Tiech for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE NEWMAN said that regulation 26(2)(a) of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (SI 1994 No 1519) imposed a prohibition on any vehicle stopping on any length of road along which centre double white lines were placed.

Regulation 26(3)(a) provided that nothing in (2)(a) should apply so as to prevent a vehicle stopping so long as might be necessary for any of the purposes outlined in subsections (i) to (iii). The following qualification came at the end of subsection (iii): "... if the vehicle could not be used for such a purpose without stopping on the length of road".

The issue for the court was whether the prosecution was correct to contend that the purpose Mr McKenzie was fulfilling on the road, namely picking up a taxi fare, was governed by the qualifying words.

Mr McKenzie argued that the qualifying words were confined to the purposes set out in (iii) alone and not to (i) which covered the picking up or setting down of someone. The purposes in (iii) took longer to fulfil.

His Lordship found it helpful to look at the content of the previous regulation, regulation 23 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (SI 1981 No 859) where it was clear that the qualifying words applied only to subsection (iii).

There had been one substantive amendment in the 1994 Regulations and the draftsman had consequently carried out structural alterations. But there was no basis for contending that there had been a second amendment causing subsections (i) and (ii) to be embrace by those qualifying words when they had not hitherto been.

In his Lordship's judgment, unless there were strong indications Parliament had intended the amendment of the type relied on by the prosecution, he concluded that the meaning was clear.

As to layout itself, his Lordship as a matter of principle would be cautious in placing much weight on the layout. What could be gained from what the draftsman had done was that the true meaning could be reflected in the way that the layout had changed.

LORD JUSTICE PILL expressed the hope that layouts could be adopted when drafting enactments to avoid the difficulties that faced the court.

Solicitors: Lee Davies & Co, Harlow; CPS, St Albans.

Bank claim not a mortgage action

National Westminster Bank plc v Kitch

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Schiemann

[Judgment May 3]

An action by a bank against a customer for the recovery of an overdraft secured by a mortgage or charge was not a mortgage action and accordingly the provisions of Order 88 of the Rules of the Supreme Court did not apply.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal brought by the defendant, John Stephen Kitch, against the dismissal by Mr Justice Curtis on October 10, 1994 of the defendant's appeal from the decision of a district judge that the plaintiff, National Westminster Bank plc, was correct in issuing proceedings for the recovery of a debt secured by a mortgage in the Queen's Bench Division and entitled to obtain judgment in default of defence, without first seeking the leave of the court.

Mr Robert Deacon, who did not appear below, for the defendant; Mr Michael Lerego, QC and Mr Paul Gott for the bank.

LORD JUSTICE SCHIEMANN said that in holding that an action for the recovery of an overdraft secured by a mortgage was not a "mortgage action", Mr Justice Curtis had departed from a dictum of Mr Justice Donaldson in *Midland Bank Ltd v Stamps* ([1978] 1 WLR 635) upon which various notes to Order 88 of the Rules of the Supreme Court in *The Supreme Court Practice 1995* were based.

The bank issued a writ out of the Queen's Bench Division claiming sums allegedly due on two accounts which the defendant had with the bank. The writ, which was endorsed with a statement of claim, made no mention of any mortgage.

The defendant's legal team deliberately decided not to file any defence taking the view that it was a mortgage action which had been improperly commenced in the Queen's Bench Division. The bank then entered judgment in default of defence, without first seeking the leave of the court. The defendant applied to set the judgment aside on the basis that it had been irregularly obtained.

Mr Deacon relied on Order 88, rule 6. In order to do so he had to persuade the court that the action was a mortgage action as defined in Order 88, rule 1(1).

He pointed out three undisputed facts: (i) the action was begun by mortgage; (ii) the action was one in which there was a claim for payment of moneys and (iii) the payment of those moneys was secured by the mortgage. So, he submitted, the action fell neatly within the definition in Order 88, rule 1(a). Moreover, he pointed to *Midland Bank Ltd v Stamps* where the foregoing three facts were equally present.

The issue which Mr Justice Donaldson had to decide in the *Midland Bank* case was whether he had jurisdiction, notwithstanding the provisions of Order 88 to retain the action in the Commercial Court. He held that he had.

He based his decision on *Practice Direction (High Court: Divisions)* ([1973] 1 WLR 627), made by the Lord Chancellor under section 57 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act 1925, and upon the exercise of his discretion under section 58 of that Act.

His Lordship accepted that whereas, if the decision of Mr Justice Curtis was right, Mr Justice Donaldson could have based his decision on a finding that he was not concerned with a mortgage action at all.

He in fact said (at p638): "The bank is without doubt claiming payment of moneys secured by a mortgage of real property and the action is thus a mortgage action to which ... Order 88 applies."

His Lordship considered the phraseology of Order 88, rule 1 was capable of the construction contended for by both the bank and the defendant. While in no way criticising the result achieved by Mr Justice Donaldson in *Midland Bank*, his Lordship disagreed with the single sentence in that decision relied upon by the defendant and the editors of *The Supreme Court Practice*.

That sentence was not necessary to the judge's decision and it seemed clear that Mr Justice Donaldson was not treated to the careful analysis of the history of the rule, and the previous decisions concerning it, which had been placed before the court by the bank.

There seemed to be no reason in principle why, if a bank chose not to rely on a mortgage in an action, that action should be classified as a mortgage action.

Most cases based upon or concerning the operation of ordinary bank accounts had been and were brought in the Queen's Bench Division. In complex cases they would be heard in the Commercial Court.

The most appropriate place for the trial of ordinary bank claims was often the trial centre closest to the customer and bank branch and during the last few years a series of Mercantile Court lists had been established outside London under practice directions which presupposed that ordinary banking disputes would form part of the Queen's Bench lists.

In cases such as the present, the legal mortgages were charges to the bank created to secure running accounts. His Lordship could see no policy reason for construing an ambiguous rule in the way contended for by the defendant. So far as the money claim was concerned he deserved no more protection than any other debtor.

There might well be cases where there was a real doubt as to whether the bank was secured or not. In such cases his Lordship could see no disadvantage in the bank being allowed to sidestep any problems which that might raise.

So far as the possibility of being turned out of his house was concerned, the appellant still had all the protection which the law gave to a mortgagor who was at risk of action by the mortgagee.

His Lordship would dismiss the appeal and invite the editors of the White Book to reconsider their notes to Order 88, rules 2 and 6.

Lord Justice Peter Gibson delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Simon Brown agreed.

Solicitors: Lucas & Co, Cowbridge; Osborne Clark, Bristol.

Lloyd's bylaw does not infringe EU competition law

Society of Lloyd's v Clementson (No 2)

Before Mr Justice Cresswell

[Judgment May 7]

The Lloyd's Central Fund Bylaw neither affected trade between member states nor was it in any event anti-competitive and it did not infringe the competition provisions of article 85 of the EC Treaty.

Mr Justice Cresswell so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division when allowing the application of the Society of Lloyd's under paragraph 10 of Lloyd's Central Fund Bylaw (No 4 of 1986) for the return of sums paid out of central funds to John Stewart Clementson to assist him in meeting his liability in the insurance market.

Article 85 of the EC Treaty provides: "1 The following shall be prohibited as incompatible with the common market: all agreements between undertakings, decisions by associations of undertakings and concerted practices which may affect trade between member states and which have as their object or effect the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition within the common market...

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Mr Jeremy Lever, QC and Mr Richard Slowe, solicitor, for Mr Clementson; Mr Gordon Pollock, QC, Mr Paul Lasok, QC and Mr Richard Jacobs for Lloyd's.

MR JUSTICE CRESSWELL said that Mr Clementson was a name at Lloyd's. The Central Fund Bylaw empowered Lloyd's to recover from names moneys paid out of the central fund as a civil debt. Lloyd's sued Mr Clementson pursuant to paragraph 10 of the Central Fund Bylaw, as subsequently amended, in respect of sums applied out of the central fund to make good default by the defendant.

Mr Clementson, who was described by Lloyd's as the standard bearer for 2,500 names, contended that the central fund arrangements were void by reason of article 85(2) of the EC Treaty and accordingly Lloyd's claim under the central bylaw must fail.

The conduct of insurance business fell within the scope of article 85. Lloyd's conceded that it was an association of undertakings, the undertakings being the names and the syndicates within Lloyd's.

Lloyd's admitted that its bylaws, its decisions to raise contributions to the central fund and its decisions authorising sums to be withdrawn from the central fund were decisions of an association of undertakings within the meaning of article 85.

His Lordship said that the central fund arrangements, whether considered alone or in combination with the reinsurance provisions, had not had an influence, direct or indirect, actual or potential, on the pattern of trade between member states. If there was an influence it was not appreciable.

Nor did the central fund arrangements, and the reinsurance provisions, have as their object the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition within the common market. Nor did they, in the light of all the relevant facts and the legal and economic context, have as their affect the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition.

If there was an impact on competition it was not appreciable. To the extent that it was necessary to do so, his Lordship held that the rule of reason applied to the central fund arrangements. Lloyd's claim against Mr Clementson succeeded.

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The price of a university place

David Charter on funding and how universities are adapting to a new kind of student

Students entering university this autumn are likely to graduate owing several thousand pounds to their bank and to the Student Loan Company. The cost of student life has never been greater. More and more school-leavers are considering deferring their course to work for a year or more to build up a study fund.

Those who wait will have the added advantage of knowing the outcome of a major review of higher education set up by the Government with Labour's backing under the chairmanship of Sir Ron Dearing, Chancellor of Nottingham University.

Set up after protests from students and vice-chancellors at the hardship and cutbacks experienced under the funding system, the review is expected to recommend a change to the student loan so that graduates have much longer to repay the money and their repayments are linked to earnings.

The National Union of Students earlier this year dropped its historical demand for grants to be restored to their 1979 level in favour of a campaign for a fairer loans system. Douglas Trainer, president of the NUS, says: "People are investing for the future by going to university and the years of hardship and difficulty should be a means to an end."

NUS research indicates that average student expenditure for 1995-96 will be £5,150 in London and £4,145 outside London, for a 38-week academic year. This leaves a shortfall of £1,571 in London and £1,248 elsewhere if a student receives the full maintenance grant plus maximum loan.

Nearly 40 per cent of students considered themselves "in hardship" in the NUS's *Values for Money* survey in 1994-95. One in four had considered dropping out of their course because of financial pressures and half thought their money problems had an adverse effect on their academic work. About 30 per cent work in term-time to supplement their funds.

Despite all the publicity about hardship, demand for places still seems to be buoyant. One of Sir Ron's main considerations will be the future size of the university system, which presently caters for more than 1.6 million students, 6 per cent up on last year.

Full-time student numbers are capped while the review is being conducted, but nevertheless the profile of the national student body continues to change.

The majority of students are mature students, those aged 21 or over when they enrol. The proportion of female students also continues to rise and this year there were more women than men at university for the first time.

Universities, some faster than others, are adapting their services along with the changing profile of students. One key consideration for the growing number of mature students are the playgroup facilities available at or near the university. There is no central register of college childcare although the information should be available in the prospectus or on demand.

Attitudes towards on-site provision vary. Southampton's 24-place nursery for children from six months to five years old is oversubscribed. The university also runs a playgroup three times a week and summer holiday schemes for children of students and staff up to the age of 14.

"It is an important factor for the non-traditional students and for postgraduate overseas students with families," says Joyce Lewis, a Southampton spokeswoman.

Nottingham Trent University has 50 crèche places for children aged 18 months to five years on each of its two sites, 40 for students and ten for staff. Students pay on a means-tested scale of £2 to £7 per half-day session.

Jennifer Spencer, a spokeswoman, says: "Places are offered on the basis of need. There is no doubt it is a major factor in the choice of Nottingham Trent for local students."

Humberside is one modern university which does not provide its own nursery. Sheila Cook, a spokeswoman, says: "It is something we have looked at but we came to the conclusion that the local area is pretty well served for nurseries and crèches."

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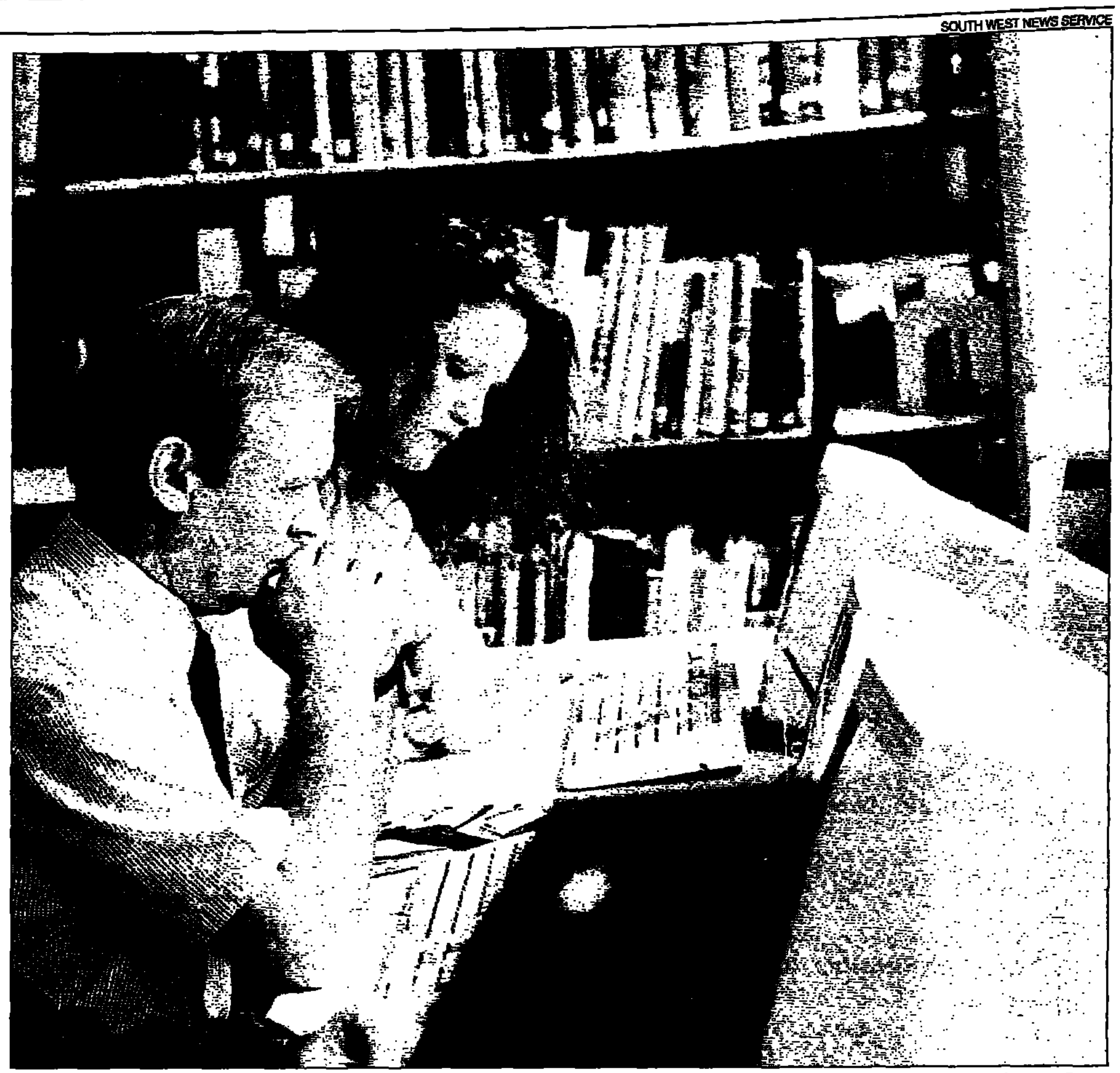

Mature students and women are now in the majority in higher education and universities have to adapt to this changing profile

How the Class of 93 are getting on

Three students describe how they have fared since taking up studying

Tara Barker: taking exams

TARA BARKER is the first of the Class of 93, three students who started courses in that year who are being tracked by *The Times*, to reach her university finals. Her exams at Bristol University start next week.

Tara, 35, a single mother with a son, decided to study politics as a mature student to enhance her career prospects. She was freelancing as a journalist for a local radio station before her return to studying and wanted to stay on to do postgraduate research. She is now keeping her options open.

"I do not really know what direction I want to go in. I will take my exams and take it from there," she says. "I want to be involved in politics in some way, whether through study or within an organisation." Tara's savings helped her to avoid a bank overdraft but the money she put by for university has gone and she has a £3,000 loan to pay off. Her course lived up to expectations and has been "extremely enjoyable". If she does decide to go back to work she may take an evening course to keep up her studies.

CLAIRE FIELDSEND, the youngest of the Class of 93, is spending the third year of her four-year French and Italian degree course abroad. She is presently working as a language assistant at two schools near Lyons in France. Her fears about coming from a state school to study at Cambridge have gone and she is looking forward to her final year at Robinson College. Claire, 21, spent last summer working to help to fund her year in France.

Her course also enabled her to spend the previous summer improving her Italian at the British Institute in Florence.

RUSSELL BATTEN has found the full-time job he hoped for after abandoning his studies. A year ago he told *The Times* he thought he was taking a risk by leaving higher education. Today he is certain he made the best decision.

Russell, now 21, left halfway through a two-year hotel and catering diploma course he started in 1993 at the University of Brighton, saying it failed to live up to his expectations or its promotional material. He landed a job as a customer-services representative with a mail order company last September after several months temping, mostly office work.

"I think I did the wrong course. I really hated it. It was the worst year of my life," he says.

Russell, formerly at Trinity School, an independent school in Croydon, found the course inflexible and the hotel and leisure industry less than glamorous when experienced on a placement during his course. "I would rather be in a job with a wage packet at the end of the month. I would not knock anyone for going to university, it is a magic idea but it has got to be right for you."

He has enrolled on an NVQ level two course in customer services through his company.

DAVID CHARTER

Claire Fieldsend: in Lyons

Student loans and grants

THIS September sees the end of a three-year period in which grants have been reduced and student loans increased accordingly. The Government has now reached its target of a balance between the two.

Few observers expect this to be the end of the process since both Labour and the Conservatives see graduates as the only realistic source of the funding necessary to preserve quality and resume expansion in higher education. But there will at least be a breathing space.

Only full-time higher education students qualify automatically for a grant, although Labour is promising to spread the benefits to part-time students and to a wider range of courses. At present, students taking other courses have to compete for scarce discretionary awards administered by local authorities.

A complicated formula, based on parents' earnings, is used to determine how much grant students receive. A "residual" income below £16,050 entitles a son or daughter to a full grant, but above £32,000, grants will be paid only if there is more than one student in the family.

Grants are administered by local education authorities and are paid in termly instalments. Government loans rquire an application to the Student Loans Company, which is based in Glasgow.

Student loans are not means-tested, although repayment is deferred if a graduate is earning less than 85 per cent of national average earnings. This threshold, currently set at £1,267 a month, is revised annually on along with repayment rates, which are tied to the retail prices index. For 1995-96, the interest rate was 3.5 per cent. From September, this will fall to 2.7 per cent.

Grant levels 1996-97

London	£2,105
Elsewhere	£1,710
Living at home	£1,400

Student loans 1996-97

Full year

London	£2,035
Elsewhere	£1,645
Living at home	£1,260

Final year

London	£1,485
Elsewhere	£1,200
Living at home	£920

The Department for Education and Employment publishes a booklet detailing the regulations for grants and loans. Copies can be ordered by phone on 0171 510 0150, by fax on 0171 510. 0196 or by post from the DFEE, Publications Centre, PO Box 6927, London E3 3NZ.

There is money to be made by going to a Buckingham Palace garden party or Wimbledon for the tennis

The best jobs for the summer and where to find them

A holiday job is a must for the modern student. But that does not mean you cannot do something enjoyable. Working in a delicatessen came top of the league in our straw poll of summer jobs; market research by phone came bottom. For one student, summer work led to garden parties at Buckingham Palace.

What tips can students pass on to newcomers? If you are telephone selling (rating 4/10), take the jobs that offer basic pay plus commission, not commission only. Helping behind a bar, one of the most common jobs (rating 6/10), is good fun when it is busy. Looking after children can sometimes have the added bonus of going abroad on the family holiday, but ratings vary according to the children's behaviour.

Jenny Picton, a second-year undergraduate in European History at the University of East Anglia, rated her job in a delicatessen (£3 an hour) 10/10 because it was varied, the hours were flexible and she got delicious leftovers. Working in a factory packing Y-fronts for Marks & Spencer, she earned £87 for a 36 to 41-hour week. She would do it again if the pay was better, "but they hate students in factories".

Helen Lovett, studying English and French at UEA, worked as a care assistant at a home for disabled war veterans in Richmond, Surrey. Shifts varied and could be up to 12 hours a day. The pay was £5.01 an hour, more at weekends. "It was exhausting and I now know everything there is to know about incontinence. I didn't get any war stories; the residents wanted to talk far more about me. The staff were good fun and supportive, and the friendly environment made up for the demanding work." She hopes to work there again this summer. 6/10.

Charlie Lucas, studying drama at Birmingham University, worked as an usherette in a London theatre. She wrote to 25 theatres and one, the Garrick, replied. She was offered a job after an interview with the stage manager. It paid £18 a night, and she worked at two matinées a week. The next year she went in person to 12 theatres: the Globe remembered her previous application and gave her a job in the kiosk selling sweets, programmes and tapes. The pay was about £20 a night, but she would not do it again. "I couldn't go out in the evenings, the work was boring and usherettes are badly treated. It's a very competitive world." 7/10.

James Curtis, a history undergraduate at UEA, did surveys for MRM Distribution in Grantham. He was given a map area to cover with a batch of survey sheets and paid 35p a sheet if he completed a batch in one week, 25p if he took longer. "Good points: you can choose your working hours, good money. Bad points: disheartening, very tiring, awful if it rains." He would do the job again. 8/10.

David Lain, an undergraduate in politics at UEA, got his job telephone selling hotel packages to local businesses through an advertisement in the local paper in Croydon. The good points: £4 an hour, four hours a day maximum. The bad points: really hard work, very pushy bosses who go on about "team spirit". David would not do the job again. 4/10.

Wimbledon fortnight offers a variety of hotly contested jobs. Simon Johnson, reading French and management at Royal Holloway College, worked in the museum shop from 9am to 8.30pm for £6 an hour. "Thousands of people coming in and out all day made the time go quickly. In two weeks I earned £800 and never got bored." 9/10.

Jessie Middleton, reading psychology, anthropology and politics at Newcastle University, worked for the catering firm Town and Country doing silver service waitressing in the Lawn Tennis Association sponsors tent. It paid £4 an hour, for up to 12 hours a day starting at 8.30am, plus generous bonuses. "It's a smart place to work. Good fun, despite the revolting purple striped uniform and being on your feet all day." 8/10. She went on to work at Buckingham Palace garden parties.

Nicholas Crossley, a second-year civil engineering undergraduate at Imperial College London, spent a month making sandwiches in the kitchen of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. "I made so many I ended up dreaming about them." He earned £400, the hours were from 5am until 6pm. 5/10.

Joshua Thompson-Jones, studying humanities at Nottingham Trent University, was taken on for two weeks for the Harrods January sales and stayed a month. Doing different shifts at £3.81 an hour, he earned about £500. "It was strict — a bit like school. I had to have my hair cut although it was just above the collar, and I had to wear a suit, but I quite liked it." Might go back this summer. 6/10.

VIOLET JOHNSTONE

A summer or part-time job is a must for many students

Centres that can help students to pay their way

THE BOOM in student numbers has been matched by a mushrooming of campus job centres offering term-time employment to undergraduates. *David Charter writes.*

Computer-literate students and language experts may find their expertise helps them to more than a good degree. Some of the best rates of pay for students are at present being offered for setting up Internet web-sites and providing instant translation.

Almost 40 job agencies are up and running and another 40 are planned. Two of the notable exceptions are Oxford and Cambridge universities. However, many students remain unaware of the service. A conference of job shop administrators later this month will debate ways to give the centres a higher profile among students.

David Patalano, controller of Unistaff at Cardiff, says: "There are 14,000 students in Cardiff and only 1,000 on my books. Many students who have been here for three years do not know that we exist."

As yet there is no nationally agreed code of practice, but similar policies are shared by the different centres.

Unistaff was one of the first to be established. All the wages for students are sent direct to Unistaff which pays everyone £3 an hour. This means that the menial jobs are rewarded with a decent level of pay. Students are not allowed to work more than 15 hours a week during term time.

Mr Patalano says: "It means everyone gets £45 cash at the end of the week so they do not have to lose National Insurance or tax."

The office, which is non-profit-making, pays out about £12,000 a month to students, three quarters of whom work for the university and a quarter for companies in Cardiff. On-site jobs range from cleaning to clerical work and dishwashing to driving. Off-site, much of the work is in the city's department stores.

The take-up is seasonal. "At the moment they are doing exams and I have got a folder full of work which no one wants to do," Mr Patalano says.

Tempus, at Sheffield University, has a minimum wage of £3.20 an hour which employers must agree to, but otherwise students are paid the rate for the job. No one is allowed to work more than 15 hours a week.

"Tempus acts as a bridge between employers with part-time vacancies and students looking for temporary work in term time, and for longer periods in the vacation," Bernard Kingston, at Sheffield, says. "About 800 students have registered their skills out of the 16,000 in Sheffield."

The job agency at Sussex University, Brighton, insists on a minimum of £3.15 an hour, coupled with agreements that the student must spend at least 40 hours a week on study and not more than 150 hours a term in a part-time job. The best rate earned by Sussex students was for simultaneous translation from a European language into English at £8.02 an hour.

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UNIVERSITY GUIDE

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'It's a cool, groovy happening place'

In Birmingham it is chocolate mousse, in Bradford it is the rent — **Chris Hadley** on the attractions of different cities

Student stereotypes are crumbling. Every student in Britain might be addicted to morning television, but in other respects student lifestyles vary widely depending on the location of their university.

In Birmingham, for example, students appear to live almost entirely on lasagne and chocolate mousse. They spend £40 a month at the supermarket — preferably Sainsbury's — and although they share food with flatmates, they never share alcohol.

Manchester students spend a lot more money on pizzas and love nothing better than curling up in front of the television with a takeaway. Their counterparts in London spend £100 a month on food, lavish money on off-licences and like shopping on their own.

These insights are gleaned from research by Student Marketing, which tries to pinpoint what makes campuses around Britain so different. Students the length and breadth of the UK have been vociferously defending the merits of their adopted towns and cities.

"London is definitely the best place to be," says Becky Walden, 18, who is studying Hispanic studies at University College London. "I've always lived in London and there was no way I was going to leave because there's so much happening every night. My first year has been brilliant because there's no work."

"London? No way! Manchester was so glamorous," says Charlotte Somers, 24, who graduated in English and drama last June. "Socially and culturally there is so much to do in the centre of Manchester. It can't be beaten."

Barry Cooke, 21, studying commerce at Birmingham University, cannot bring himself to agree. "The location and the set-up are perfect — it's a great campus in beautiful countryside and yet with all the benefits of city life just a mile away. It can't be bettered for nightlife."

So who is right?

The capital does seem to be very popular with its 250,000 students. More than 70 per cent stay in London to find work, compared with a national average of 27 per cent who stay on in their university town. Students in London differ greatly in one great respect — there is no central campus so students tend to participate in the same activities as the working population. There are also more students than in any other city; other Londoners would probably say too many.

Leicester Square's pubs and clubs came out on top in the evening entertainment stakes and students are happy to spend £25 on a decent club night out. Then again, surveys show that 58 per cent of London students manage to spend more money than they have.

Most students live in northwest and north London, with Camden still proving a popular haunt. Becky Walden lives in the Ifor Evans hall of residence in Camden. She says: "It's such a cool, groovy happening place. I go to Camden market every weekend and it's totally mad. The Underworld in Camden has a student night called Bubblicious. People dress up in felt hats — it's incredibly funky.

"I sometimes regret not going to a campus university. I suppose it's just one big happy family there, but London is great."

Many students prefer a campus atmosphere, but even then they often move out into private accommodation in their second year. Adopted Mancunians and Brummies can certainly afford to be happy about the large differences in rent across Britain. The average rent for student digs in Birmingham is one of the lowest at £32 a week, although Bradford has the best deals on accommodation overall with an average rent of only £23 a week. Manchester compares favourably at £35. It comes as no surprise that London prices are by far the most expensive at £65.

Manchester's 50,000 students are concentrated around Fallowfield. It has a high burglary rate because thieves know when the students are on holiday. While Charlotte Somer was a student, Manchester was frequently referred to as Gunchester. "It added to the glamour of the place in a sick way. Manchester was this place where Indie started with Oasis and there was Hacienda and loads of great innovative theatre.

"It hit a downward spiral with all the drugs and guns, but I think it's starting to pick up again and the club scene is unrivalled." Charlotte lived in hall for the first year and says it was cheap but the food was disgusting, but in her second year she moved first to Rusholme, a popular student area, and then to the notorious Moss Side, where she lived in a "real dive" and even watched a siege with armed police at the house over the road.

Birmingham does not sound quite as racy, but Barry Cooke will not hear a word against it.

"Most of the students live around Selly Oak. The comedy scene in Birmingham is really fresh, but everything else is as well — whatever music you want you can find any night of the week."

Location is obviously important, and students do appear to fall in love with their adopted town or city, but some facts unite students everywhere.

They have little money; they spend more than they have; they amass debt; they live in terror of finals and yet still manage to have the best three years of their lives, wherever they are.

TOMORROW

The quality debate in higher education
Top universities in 14 different subjects
How the dons' transfer market will tip the ratings

JONATHAN OLLEY

The social and nightlife can play a large part in attracting students to different universities

Students expect to be poor, and to have a good time

Debt is a way of life

Today's students expect to end up in debt; the only question is how much. As finals approach, the combination of overdraft and three student loans has left me owing almost £5,000.

My financial position is worse than most because I have no income other than the grant and loans. Anyone thinking of a university career should be under no illusion: money will be tight.

The final year is the worst because both the grant and student loan are reduced on the assumption that you will be working by the end of the summer term. I will be because it is the only way I will be able to afford the postgraduate course I need to launch my career.

Not that it will be anything new. I well remember the summer of 1995, not for the endless hours of sunshine, but for 110-hour working weeks trying to reduce my debts. By the end of my second year at the University of the West of England I was £1,500 overdrawn, not including the student loans.

In many ways, my debt is self-induced: I tend to eat well, enjoy a drink and have as yet been unable to master the art of staying in. I accept money worries as part of student life.

Things will not get easier in the future. Grants which have been reduced over the past two years are still going down, while student loans are being increased. Hence the pressure increases on students (and

Andrew England

long-suffering parents) to fund their own studies.

But it is not all gloom and doom. Expectations are now so low that many freshers will not suffer as much as they had anticipated. Simon Underhill, who is in the second year of an advertising degree at Bournemouth University, says: "I was dreading it financially but it turned out to be a lot easier, just by doing simple things such as budgeting food, and picking your nights out instead of going out on whim."

However, such discipline took time to develop. "I didn't expect the expense of the first term — I spent about £300 in a couple of weeks but it was worth every penny because I met so many people."

Now that Simon has adjusted to student life he feels he is in control of his finances. "Debt isn't a problem, it just depends on what you are prepared to give up. I spent my summer working for a marquee company but I earned loads of money and the job itself was an experience."

After leaving art school in Cardiff after four years, Andy Trottman is an old hand at student survival: "You have to expect debt. A student life is a social life; make do but enjoy yourself."

At the end of his course, he expected to be about £6,000 in debt but finished being £2,000 overdrawn. He says: "Debt didn't worry me — if it came to a crunch I could get a job and pay it off."

The lesson is that most students' perception of debt will change. Its significance does not always lie in its size, but in the worry it causes. Being overdrawn is not a crime. There is always the opportunity of some sort of work, however menial, to alleviate the financial burden.

Thousands will be plunged into debt. Simply be careful and accept that sacrifices will have to be made.

ANDREW ENGLAND

A simple question of market research

Student Marketing is interested in everything you do

The people at Student Marketing want to get inside your head. If you are a student they want to know what food you eat, how much you spend on beer and what you are up to in the early hours of Saturday morning. They want to know everything about you.

Perhaps they already know too much. They know that 42.3 per cent of students would vote Labour at the next election, 32 per cent drink one to ten units of alcohol each week and 14 per cent have tried speed. Scary, isn't it?

What newspaper do students read the most? According to the latest research by Student Marketing, *The Times* is read by more students than any other newspaper. In second place is *The Guardian* and *The Sun* comes last.

In fact, 40 per cent of students buy a newspaper every day but they are beginning to turn to the Internet for their information, education and entertainment. An estimated 40 per cent of students use the Internet at least once a week, and 21 per cent use it three times a week or more.

John Handelaar, 23, a history undergraduate at King's College London says: "Everyone is turning to the Net, they'd be mad not to. Universities provide it for free and you can keep in touch with friends in other countries by e-mail or dig out some research for your next essay. I suppose I do waste a lot of time on it as well."

Much of the information on this page has come from Student Marketing, which is based in London and Edinburgh. It is gathering information on students because big companies and their advertising agents are beginning to sit up and take note of students, and so they should. Students constitute a crucial 38 per cent of 18-to-24 year olds. In the past decade, the student market has expanded by 75 per cent.

Jan Levy, 26, graduated from Edinburgh University four years ago. He was one of three entrepreneurs who founded the hugely successful *Student Pages*, a large pink book packed with money-off vouchers for students in their local area. In 1996 *Student Pages* was published in 18 editions and Mr Levy and his partners launched Student Marketing.

"Our mission," Mr Levy says, "is for *Student Pages* and Student Marketing to become the gatekeepers to the market. We are providing a service to both students and companies who want to 'get 'em young' and develop brand loyalty."

Kirsten Williamson, 25, the managing director of Student Marketing, says: "We send fieldworkers out in campuses all over Britain. We now employ about 50 to 60 students part-time to gain snapshots of student life — what they think, how they spend money. We can get a snapshot report together in less than 24 hours."

CHRIS HADLEY

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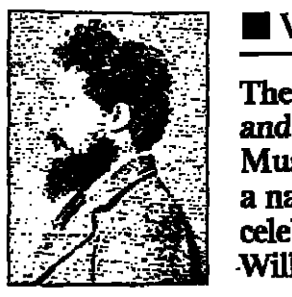

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. . . and even takes in his revitalisation of the ancient craft of stained glass illustration

Richard Cork on William Morris at the V&A; plus other centenary shows dedicated to a giant of arts and crafts

The man who traded in the best of taste

Mention William Morris's name today, and most people think immediately of wallpaper festooned with flowers, leaves and undulating branches. The sheer familiarity of Morris's designs often makes them seem all too predictable. Since 1940, when Sanderson's took over his wallpaper printing blocks, their burgeoning popularity has overshadowed Morris's other multifarious activities. So the major survey of his life and work at the Victoria and Albert Museum, marking the centenary of Morris's death, is a welcome attempt to redress the balance.

This supremely energetic, adaptable and resourceful Victorian never stopped extending his range. Walking through the 500 exhibits assembled in this labyrinthine show is like encountering the achievements not of one man, but a prodigy forever pushing out in a bewildering variety of directions.

Morris's love affair with the Middle Ages began early. As a voice-over informs us at the start of the show, he never forgot visiting Canterbury Cathedral with his father: "he thought the gates of Heaven had been opened to him". The sound of that commentary, repeated remorselessly on a loop, is inescapable as we explore the first section of the show. But if we tire of hearing those reverential words, they do at least drum into us the fervency of young Morris's religious faith.

Going up to Oxford in 1853, he intended to embark on a career in the Church and even to found a monastic order. Student life, especially the stimulus of new friends with like-minded enthusiasms, soon persuaded him to pursue a secular career as an architect. But he never lost his devotion to medieval cathedrals. Ruskin's writings fortified his commitment to a pre-Renaissance aesthetic, and after leaving Oxford Morris made sure that he joined the office of G.E. Street, the most prominent exponent of neo-Gothic architecture.

However steadfast his medieval interests may have been, Morris was surprisingly uncertain about how best to channel them. A restless man, whose appetite for versatility grew all the time, he could fairly be described as a workaholic. Abandoning Street after less than a year, Morris immersed himself in art with his friend Edward Burne-Jones. The two men shared rooms in London as well as an ardent admiration for the Pre-Raphaelites, whose headlong rejection of academic principles amounted to a revolution.

The fruit of Morris's visits to drawing classes can be seen at the V&A, and they reveal his limitations as an artist. The diligent drapery studies, which show an accelerating competence, provided him with a source of reference for design projects throughout his career. But they lack true vitality, and only in an 1857 drawing of Jane Burden does Morris inject his careful draughtsmanship with strong emotion.

It turned out to be a momentous year. He had met Burden at Oxford, while collaborating with Dante Gabriel Rossetti and Burne-Jones on an elaborate mural scheme for the Oxford Union debating hall. His drawing of Jane conveys the fervency of his response to a young woman whose large, liquid eyes, swelling lips and dark, luxuriant tresses bewitched him. The portrait is not, however, as openly erotic as the bigger and more sensual drawing Rossetti made of her in the same year. With hindsight, his passion for the woman who became Morris's wife is burningly apparent even at this early stage.

> ‘He died worn out by his search for the holy grail of beauty’

For the moment, Morris revelled in Burden's faithful presence. She posed for his sole surviving easel picture, a painstaking attempt to depict Iseult pining for Tristram in her chamber. The undone waist-belt clasped so tightly in her hands, combined with the little dog curled up in Tristram's place on the rumpled bed-sheets beyond, give the painting a sexual charge unique in Morris's work. But Iseult's languorous allure is tempered by melancholy. She looks downcast and frustrated, gazing at a bedroom mirror inscribed with the word *DOLOURS*. And the abundance of props included in this modest-size canvas give it a claustrophobic air.

Morris was in danger of stifling the picture with his love of elaboration: its acute sense of strain helps to explain why he never became a painter. His friend Philip Webb remembered that after struggling with *La Belle Iseult* for months, Morris found himself "hating the brute". Henceforth he would direct his formidable energies towards applied art; and when Webb designed the Red House for the newly wed Jane and William in Bexleyheath, Morris concentrated on furnishings for the bridal home while Burne-Jones produced the festive wall-paintings.

The brotherly spirit of collaboration at the Red House encouraged Morris to plan his most far-reaching venture: the founding in 1861 of Morris, Marshall, Faulkner & Co, affectionately nicknamed "the Firm". Its seven partners included Burne-Jones, Rossetti, Webb and another distinguished painter, Ford Madox Brown. With such a pool of talent behind it, the Firm was assured of success at its very first commercial display — two stands crowded with objects and designs at the 1862 International Exhibition. They were positioned, aptly enough, in the Medieval Court.

Morris's devotion to an idealised vision of the Middle Ages was undiminished, and it united the stylistic diversity of the exhibits. Both he and his partners were driven by a determination to recapture a lost Arthurian realm, and Morris later declared that houses should be fit for the "noble creatures, tall, wide-shouldered, and well-built, with their bright eyes and well moulded features, those men full of courage, capacity and energy".

Morris's exalted description of his ideal clients fails to chime with the people who commissioned the major schemes undertaken by the Firm. St James's Palace and a new refreshment room for the South Kensington Museum were the grandest of its interiors. The Green Dining Room still exists at the V&A, and deserves to be visited as a coda to the exhibition.

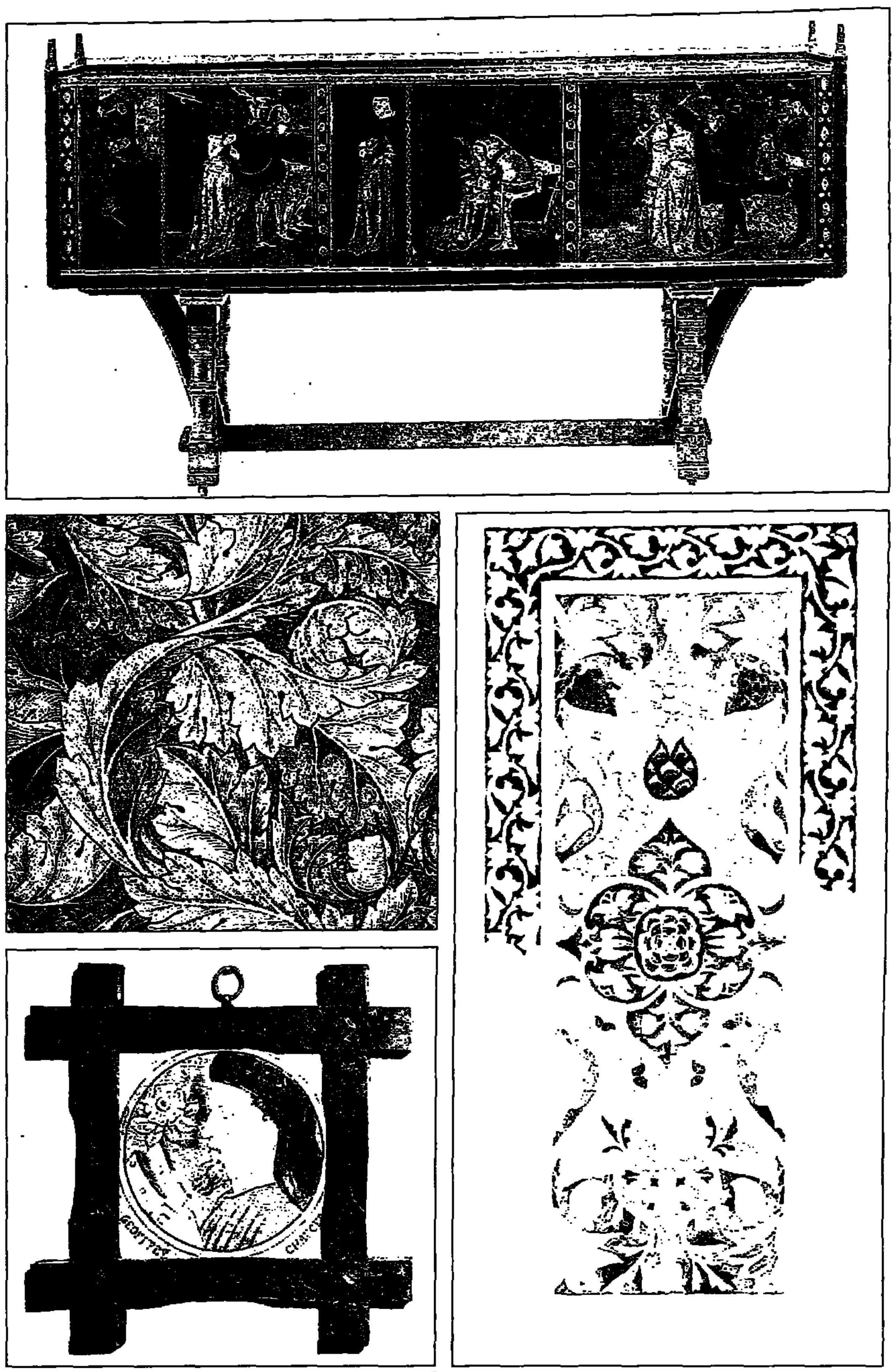
Morris himself gradually came to realise that wealthy members of London society, whose houses he transformed with such vigour, were sadly removed from his noble fantasies. He once said he was "sick of ministering to the swinish luxury of the rich", and a visit to Iceland in 1871 ignited a political urge to work for a society imbued with the spiritual simplicity he found there.

By this time, Morris had reluctantly come to accept that his wife and Rossetti were lovers. But their relationship left a void at the centre of his emotional life, and may well have impelled him to seek solace in excessive labour. The unremitting tasks carried out in his later years are exhausting to contemplate. While presiding over the expansion of the Firm and its international renown, Morris somehow found time to write poetry, practise calligraphy, champion the conservation of ancient buildings, promote socialism, design and publish books and continue to produce assured designs for textiles, grand embroideries, hand-knotted carpets and, most sumptuously, tapestries.

No wonder he did not live to savour an equally productive old age. He died at the age of 62, worn out by his own ceaseless search for the holy grail of beauty in the home. If Morris's attachment to medievalism now seems stifling, his insistence on truth to materials would become a touchstone for the modern movement.

"Try to get the most out of your material," he urged art students in 1881, "but always in such a way as to honour it most." The innovators who transformed 20th-century British sculpture, from Epstein and Gill to Hepworth and Moore, acted on just such a belief.

● *William Morris at the Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (0171-938 8500) until Sept 1*



"A prodigy forever pushing out in a bewildering variety of directions": (Clockwise from top) St George cabinet (1861-62); design for Hammersmith carpet (c.1880); tile with a portrait of Rossetti as Chaucer (1864); Acanthus wallpaper design (1874)

MORRIS ROUND-UP

William Morris was so versatile a designer and craftsman that no single museum can paint a full picture of the neurotic workaholic. But among many celebrating his achievements, the **William Morris Gallery**, housed in the mansion in Lloyd Park, Walthamstow, where Morris lived as a child, comes nearest.

Fifty or more designs for textiles and wallpapers are on show, including Morris's original drawings for Acanthus printed velvet and Daffodil chintz. Many have never previously been exhibited. Nor has much of the stained glass which forms another show in the gallery.

This is the medium for which Morris is less well known than his associate and fellow would-be clergyman from Oxford days, Edward Burne-Jones, although both were famed for their imagination and the jewel-like colours of their work.

The most comprehensive permanent display of Morris's life and work is also maintained in the gallery, and in the autumn there will be the first-ever show of Morris tiles. These range from the pictorial decorated fireplace tiles which were among the earliest products of Morris's company to the later organic patterned type that matched his textiles and wallpapers and set a design precedent that has been followed ever since.

The story of Morris and his family's long association with the area is being told in an exhibition at the Waltham Forest museum, **Vestry House**. Exhibits range from photographs, pictures and other records and memorabilia of Morris's early schooldays to his involvement in campaigns to protect and preserve Epping Forest.

Morris's trip to Iceland in 1871 is marked by another exhibition of memorabilia, including textiles, at **St Nicholas Priory** in Exeter. The designer had long been steeped in the early Saga literature, was riveted by the strange landscapes and returned to Kelmscott Manor in Oxfordshire with Mouse, his Icelandic pony.

Kelmscott House in Hammersmith, Morris's home for the last 18 years of his life, is now that of the William Morris Society, which is responsible with the Society of Designer Craftsmen (formerly the Arts and Crafts Exhibition Society, of which he was president) for a touring show of Morris's work and that of the designers he has most influenced.

Among the highlights is a poetry book that Morris wrote and illuminated for Georgiana Burne-Jones in 1870 and which encouraged his vision of a private printing operation, the Kelmscott Press. Since he never introduced any skill into his workshops that he had not mastered himself, Morris even insisted on making some trial sheets of paper before ordering a first batch for the press.

His belief in the wonder of seemingly ordinary things fostered the development of craft as art and inspired the current fashion for recycling.

ALISON BECKETT

- William Morris and Morris & Co Pattern Designs. *William Morris Gallery, Lloyd Park, Forest Road, London E17 (0181-527 3782) until* July 27
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Did the patient seducer have his way?

John Russell Taylor on the fruits of Morris's attempt to revolutionise industry through craft – and vice versa

Some marriages are contracted in haste and repented at leisure. Some are so long and carefully planned that they never actually happen. None, apparently, turns out as expected. One of the principal questions in *William Morris Revisited: Questioning the Legacy* at the Crafts Council is what sort of marriage has it ever been possible or desirable to negotiate between craft and industry? Another question, of course, is whether such an alliance has ever been part of Morris's legacy anyway.

Of all those associated with Pre-Raphaelitism, Morris has been, by name at least, the most widely known — and therefore, perhaps, the most ruthlessly stereotyped. There are certain things everybody thinks they know about Morris. He totally abominated industry. He believed that everything should be made by hand, in a sort of idealistic, utopian commonwealth. He preached Art for the People, but ended up making very expensive pieces for an elite audience.

There is some truth in all of these assertions. But Morris was much too complex for any simplistic formulation to be the whole truth. For a practical man he was very idealistic: for an idealist he was extremely practical. Possibly in principle he saw the perfect situation as one in which everyone made everything for himself, or, at the very least, every small community was self-sufficient. But he realised that history could not roll back, and so concentrated as far as possible on alleviating the situation in which he found himself.

People could at least be persuaded to practise crafts for themselves, as amateurs. In late Victorian England they did so already, to an extraordinary degree. It was their taste which needed purifying rather than their interest provoking. They must be persuaded to throw away those hideous designs for Berlin woolwork, and instead follow nature in embroidery or tapestry. If they had to do pokerwork (or pyrography, as it was more grandly called), then at least let it be well designed.

But encouraging the amateur was only part of Morris's plan. He also wanted the craftsman to be a professional. He or she should be a sort of all-round designer/maker, able to make a living selling what was made. Morris was sensible enough to know also that this would inevitably entail selling to a rich minority audience. Morris did not like that, but he could live with it — for the moment, until, partly through the agency of art, things turned the way he wanted them to turn.

It was not even necessarily bad to to shake hands with the devil of industry. What craftsmen designed might not be made with their own hands, but it was made according to their instructions with little loss of quality and considerably more affordability.

At the Crafts Council a wallpaper by Walter Crane is hung next to one by Lewis F. Day. What is the difference? That by Crane looks a bit more elaborate, but otherwise choice might well be a matter of personal taste. But the Crane, being handblocked, cost more than 30 shillings a yard, while the Day, machine printed, cost more like 3d a yard.

Contrary to popular assumption, Morris did not fail to acknowledge the basic arithmetic. He even went so far as to go into business — and, on a small scale, industrial manufacture — with Morris and Co, best known subsequently for its wallpapers and fabrics. His personal passion for hand-illumination did not blind him to the values and possibilities of the printing-press, and he threw himself into using traditional methods to make fine books at his own Kelmscott Press. He hoped, obviously, that the craft spirit would gradually take over industry, bringing about a revolution from the inside.

And has it? This is where the show's argument (for, make no mistake, this is an argumentative show) becomes most intriguing. As is pointed out, in Morris's day there was art, and there was industry. Caught somewhere in between were the designers (who might or not be makers to some extent) and the specialists in applied arts. Morris hoped for an amelioration by emphasising the applicability of all the arts.

What has actually happened is that through modern technology industry can easily outstrip craftsman in terms of cheapness and wide distribution. Ironically, the implied price war has pushed the crafts in the opposite direction, nearer to the fine arts.

These days a craftsman is paid like an artist, and his work is bought, not because it is the cheapest receptacle for jam or daffodils, but because it delights the aesthetic senses. Morris wanted the craftsman to be respected, but possibly not in precisely these terms.

Today, he might well be more at home with some of the more frankly commercial industrial products of Swedish glassmakers. They are clearly artistic as well as being in touch with practical realities.

But the most astounding thing is to see how little jolt there is when craft objects a century apart are juxtaposed. Not because the new pieces are not sufficiently modern, but because the spirit that urges Alan Caiger Smith or Janice Tchalenko to make pots, or Danny Lane to make his stacked glass chair, is too obviously related to (descended from?) that which informs Philip Webb and, indeed, Morris himself. Craft has not taken over the world, but it is alive and well and firmly in possession of it.

● William Morris Revisited *is at the Crafts Council Gallery, 44a Pentonville Road, London N1 (0171-228 7700) until June 30*

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■ FILM 1

Mike Leigh's new *Secrets and Lies* is one of a strong line-up of British films in competition at Cannes

■ FILM 2

... while *I Shot Andy Warhol*, a powerful American film about the guru of modern art, is a Cannes treat

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■ THEATRE

Resurrection is a gauche look at the life of the 18th-century "noble savage", Francis Barber

■ POP

Angélique Kidjo finds herself surrounded by enthusiastic fans on the stage of the Festival Hall

First shoots of a vintage crop

It may be raining, but the outlook is bright for **Geoff Brown** at the Cannes Film Festival

After the unremitting misery of *Naked*, Mike Leigh loosens up quite a lot with *Secrets and Lies*, one of the films in competition at Cannes

The most piquant sight of the first day at Cannes was of a delegate sheltering her head from the rain with a copy of *Variety*, largest in size of all the trade dailies published during the festival. What advertisement, I wondered, was seeping into her brain? A Tarantino spoof called *Plump Fiction*, perhaps? Or *Pterodactyl Woman from Beverly Hills*? Or maybe the desperately unappealing action thriller whose advertising copy read: "Burt Reynolds is Raven. For years the government paid him to kill. Now he's self-employed."

The Cannes Film Festival market bombards you with so much hype and hoopla like this that some years it is possible to forget there is an official festival going on. But not this time. Hollywood glamour may be in relatively short supply on the Croisette, but star directors are plentiful. The competition section alone features new films from Bernardo Bertolucci, Robert Altman, Aki Kaurismäki and Chen Kaige, plus more contentious notables such as David Cronenberg and Michael Cimino.

There is also enough British *talent on display to merit a* visit from the National Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottomley. Last night, while some of us were tucked up in bed, she stayed up until the wee hours widening her knowledge of hard drugs by watching *Trainspotting*.

Doubtless she was told of the positive reaction to Mike Leigh's competition film **Secrets and Lies**. After dousing us with misery in *Naked*, Leigh lightens the load, brightening his tale of family relations and an adopted daughter with wry humour and some knockabout caricatures. Not that he's forgotten his new *maturity*: indeed, in his urge to be serious he drags his feet sometimes and gives his characters a scrutiny they cannot always support.

Hortense, a black beautician, *sets the plot in motion by* striving to locate her natural mother. Her quest ends, surprisingly, with Brenda Blethyn's Cynthia, nervy and needy and enduring a dead end life. Further comment *should wait until the film* opens in Britain in a fortnight: suffice to say that it moves, amuses and annoys in roughly equal measure.

Britain's other competition hopeful, Stephen Frears's adaptation of Roddy Doyle's novel **The Van**, fared less well with audiences. People came prepared to laugh, but left feeling bludgeoned. "Jesus," Colm Meaney shrieks as chip fat spurts into his face (he is partnering a friend in a burger van during 1990, World Cup year). He seems to shriek "Jesus" every few seconds. Frears severely miscalculates the amount of boisterousness a film can take; and any thoughtful moments in Doyle's script get trampled by the noise. What with this and *Mary Reilly*, it is not Frears's year.

Peter Greenaway, *on the* other hand, has staged a modest revival in **The Pillow Book**, filmed largely in Japan and Hong Kong. Gone are the stultifying tableaux that disfigured *The Baby of Macon*; *instead*, Greenaway reopens the technological treasure trove he used in *Prospero's Books* and overlays images in different sizes. This may sound like a session with Windows '95, but no computer could ever have devised the eccentric script about a Japanese fashion model who covers the body of her lovers with calligraphy. Spontaneity and warmth remain absent from Greenaway's universe, but the film demands attention as an exquisite visual conundrum.

There is also much to gaze at in **Jude**, Michael Winterbottom's adaptation of Hardy's novel *Jude the Obscure*, made in association with BBC Films. Winterbottom, the hot young British director of the moment, may not quite have snuffed out the scent of a BBC costume drama, but he cer*tainly knows how to present* bleak landscapes and constant rain falling on grey stone walls. The script telescopes events too much, which does not help us feel the full agony of stonecutter Jude (Christopher Eccleston) *and his illicit* union with cousin Sue (Kate Winslet). Perhaps, perversely, this is just as well: if Hardy's stark novel was captured whole on screen, there might be no audience at all.

Switching continents, we come to **Kansas City**. This is Robert Altman's valentine to his birthplace, although aside from the large quantities of jazz played on screen you never feel much personal emotion coursing through the slick artificial images. The time is 1934; the story concerns the kidnapping of a politician's wife by a telegraph operator who over-identifies with spunky movie heroines such as Jean Harlow and Joan Crawford. Equipped with a squawky voice and grimaces galore, *Jennifer Jason Leigh* gives a thoroughly tiresome performance; what fun there is comes from Miranda Richardson as her captive socialite, befuddled by drugs.

Luckily other American directors seem to be in fine fettle, and capture the sense of place sadly missing from *Kansas City*. In **Lone Star** John Sayles explores the ethnic mix of the Rio Grande in a story that starts its winding journey with the discovery of human bones on an abandoned rifle range. Not every twist convinces, but there is enough humour and compassion to make this film special.

The same goes for **Trees Lounge**, the endearing directorial debut of Steve Buscemi, everyone's favourite actor in American independent movies. The film grew out of Buscemi imagining what his life would be like if he had never left his childhood home of Valley Stream, Long Island. By this reckoning he would be a bar fly, buzzing round a docile town, annoying friends *and family*. *Buscemi, of* course, takes this central role, although he knows enough about ensemble acting to give ample space to the rest of his marvellous cast.

But the most powerful American film to date has been **I Shot Andy Warhol**, by the Canadian-born Mary Harron. Some of its power comes directly from the main character, Valerie Solanas, a fringe member of the Warhol entourage who unleashed her bile and paranoia by shooting the guru of modern art in 1968. Lili Taylor gives a remarkable performance as the deviser of Scum (Society for Cutting Up Men); although the film's full flavour derives from the confrontation between her nihilism and the stoned-out vacuity of the Warhol crowd.

Jared Harris's Warhol impersonation is uncanny: you feel the man has come back to life. But the award for resuscitation must really go to Harron, who revives an entire era and art scene with amused respect.

Rowdy tunes require rhinos

JAZZ

Milt Jackson
Rhythmic, N1

WOULD he roll out *Bags' Groove* one more time? You might as well ask whether you will hear *Pomp and Circumstance* at the Last Night of the Proms. So, at the end of his first set, the dapper Milt Jackson duly tapped the first tumbling phrases of his most famous tune.

In his many years with the Modern Jazz Quartet, the vibraphone master has played that skeletal blues riff thousands of times. It is a measure of his melodic and rhythmic agility that the piece never sounds quite the same.

Critics frequently make the point that he has been at his most effective within the baroque confines of the MJQ. I am not sure that assessment has carried as much weight over the past decade as the quartet's set-pieces grew ever more sedate.

What is still true is that Jackson works hardest with another forceful personality to prod him along. Miles Davis and Thelonious Monk are the two most obvious examples to come to mind.

Mike LeDonne, the pianist in Jackson's current band, carefully avoids upstaging the star of the show. That inevitably means there is less of the structural contrast and interplay that distinguishes Jackson's best work. But when, as on this evening, he unleashes such a prolific string of solos, only a curmudgeon would find cause for complaint.

Inspiration flagged only on the over-familiar *In A Sentimental Mood* and the tame Latin beat of *This Masquerade*. Otherwise Jackson assembled a cleverly arranged sequence of pieces — including Benny Golson's *Whisper Not* and an up-dated treatment of Monk's *Off Minor* — which lifted the performance far above the level of a blowing session.

Mickey Roker, a replacement for Connie Kay in the MJQ, was the ideal drummer for this repertoire: subtle on ballads and a charging rhinocerous on the rowdy uptempo numbers.

CLIVE DAVIS

Still in the swing

Clark Terry
Wigmore Hall

NOW 75, trumpeter Clark Terry forged his career in the big bands of everyone from Charlie Barnet and Lionel *Hampton to Quincy Jones*, Count Basie and Duke Ellington. "One of the all-time jazz greats" was how John Dankworth introduced him to a packed Wigmore Hall, for a concert in which they were joined by two players from a younger generation: bassist Alec Dankworth and pianist David Newton.

Terry shows few signs of age or fatigue, but his maturity shines through even the most familiar material. It takes considerable skill to inject life into such old warhorses as *Squeeze Me*, *Perdido* and *God Bless the Child*, but uncompromising professionalism concealed in one of the most charmingly urbane stage manners in jazz has always been Terry's hallmark.

His style, while firmly rooted in the relaxed but massive swing of the big-band era, frequently draws on the edgier, more complex articulacy and wit associated with bebop, and the quartet's opener, the fleet *Haig and Haig*, neatly demonstrated both strands of his talent. John Dankworth, too, given a rare chance to shine in an informal, straightforward jazz context, showed what a subtle and affecting alto player he is.

The next number, *I Don't Want to be* Kissed, showcased another aspect of Terry's playing: his influence — particularly through his pioneering use of flugelhorn — on the sound of Miles Davis. On both this and a typically warm, sweetly plangent *The Nearness of You*, Terry emphasised just how much of a debt is owed to him by today's flugelhorn and muted-trumpet balladeers.

Dankworth *fils* and Newton provided crisp, lucid support throughout, and John Dankworth lent an easy-going elegance to the proceedings on clarinet and soprano as well as alto. But this was Clark Terry's night — and he deservedly raised the roof.

CHRIS PARKER

Blame it on the doctor

THEATRE

Resurrection
Bush

MARILYN KINGWILL

Malcolm Rennie as Johnson; Tyrone Huggins as Barber

One of Samuel Johnson's masterpieces, *Rasselas*, involved an Abyssinian prince who left his native Eden to explore a world that proceeded to disillusion and disappoint him. But that was nothing beside the misfortune that eventually overtook the black man Johnson knew best. Francis Barber was born a slave in Jamaica, became Johnson's amanuensis, inherited a small fortune from him, yet managed to end up in a hospital for the destitute. Being a Noble Savage in the 18th century, or a Rasselas in Merry England, could be a sad, sordid business.

So Maureen Lawrence suggests in the two-hander that Paines Plough is bringing to the Bush. I am happy to believe her, but have to say that her play is pretty gauche, both in form and content. In the first half Malcolm Rennie's Johnson is on his deathbed in London — amplified wheezing indicating from offstage that the end is nigh — and in the second Tyrone Huggins's Barber is similarly placed in Stafford. Each time, I found myself wishing the poor fellow would buck up and snuff it.

Not without awkwardness the actors change ages, and even characters, as they bob about in time. Barber meets Johnson as a boy, runs off to sea, returns, marries a white woman and has children, *tends the great doctor in* his last illness, and obeys his last wishes by moving to the supposed security of Lichfield, where he is snubbed by the populace and falls seriously into debt. Huggins brings a nice mixture of pride and vulnerability to this journey; but Rennie copes less well with *the role of* Johnson.

The astringent if slovenly doctor comes across as a kindly blob, a sanctimonious softie who wobbles about the stage saying things like "This is the greatest democracy in the world, yet there are beggars on every street". The somewhat mixed impression Johnson makes is, however, in keeping with his author's *attitude to him*. Yes, he is capable of reducing an Oxford college to uproar by suggesting a toast to slave rebellion in the West Indies. No, he is not the champion of *equality he* thinks he is.

What makes *Resurrection* so maddening is that it judges the liberalism of 200 years ago by the standards of Hampstead today. If a modern employer behaved so possessively to a modern Barber, or made an inheritance conditional on his settling in the sticks, we would find him horribly arrogant. But Johnson's affection for his servant and companion was clearly genuine, his generosity to him considerable, his desire to ensure his safety not unreasonable given the temper of the time. Isn't it smug and presumptuous of a late-20th-century playwright to point an accusing finger at him?

For that's what happens at *the end of Penny Ciniewicz's* production. Johnson, says the dying Barber, was a good man, but his "conscience money was mine by right, not favour". Nothing, he adds, can compensate him for what has been done to him and his. And he climbs into his makeshift coffin, declaring that Anglo-Saxon civilisation will have to make "a proper reckoning" if it takes a thousand years. In other words, Johnson should have felt contrite, and you and I should atone for our inherited guilt. It is a pretty dismal conclusion to what might have been a much more enlighten*ing evening*.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

POP: African diva Angélique Kidjo and country's Steve Earle

A slave to the rhythm

Angélique Kidjo
Festival Hall

IT IS unusual to see security staff at a concert *assisting* the audience to mount an inva*sion of the stage. But given the* open-hearted warmth and irresistible rhythmic tug of Angélique Kidjo's bravura performance on Sunday, it seemed only natural to find the singer, along with her *seven-piece band and a wildly* athletic, voodoo-spirit dancer, vastly outnumbered on stage at the end by enthusiastic fans, dancing and singing along.

Kidjo, from Benin in West Africa, but now resident in *Paris, has become one of the* leading torch-bearers of the new Afro-pop, a fluid style that bridges the divide between the propulsive rhythmic complexities of African music and the electric instrumentation of *Western rock*.

While the vogue for "world music" has faded since the 1980s, the success of the Senegalese star Youssou N'Dour *and Kidjo herself, with her* international hit *Agolo*, has kept the profile of such music higher than it has ever been, particularly in Europe.

Kidjo's set echoed the pioneering work of Nigerian *crossover star* Fela Kuti, whose song *Houngbati* she performed, while her guitarist, Olivier Ajavon, paid skillful homage to Carlos Santana, with a handful of fluent, high-voltage solos.

But with her full-blooded voice and commanding stage presence, Kidjo stamped her *own mark of authority on a set* that ranged from the gently paced *Fifa*, a heartfelt plea for peace and harmony, to the *disco groove of Shango*.

With her severe features and flat-topped haircut, she looked like a benign and much smaller version of Grace Jones, and Kidjo was nothing if not a slave to the rhythm. "I *wonder if the sound of the* drums still has its power," she sang after drummer David Fall and percussionist David Mirandon had produced a mighty display of polyrhythmic ingenuity as a prelude to *The Sound of the Drums*. The answer was self-evident.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Jest a bad ol' boy at heart

Steve Earle
Empire, W12

STEVE EARLE made his appearance unannounced, strolling on stage to join his support band, the V-roys, *looking every inch the long*-haired "country outlaw" in leather jacket and shades. But the audience's initial expectations were confounded when he launched into the Slickers' reggae classic *Johnny Too Bad*, which he described as "a Jamaican hillbilly song".

When he returned soon afterwards it was with the Dukes, featuring guitarists David Steele and Mark Stuart, plus bassist Kelley Looney and drummer Custer: the rhythm section from Earle's 1988 album *Copperhead Road*. They began with *Feel Alright*, the upbeat opening *track on his current album*, but the two-and-a-half-hour set drew on his ten-year back catalogue and included covers of songs by the Rolling Stones, Bruce Springsteen and Bob Dylan.

In mid-show Earle did a solo spot beginning with the two most intense tracks on his new album: first *South Nashville Blues*, performed in such a Robert Johnson style that you could almost feel the hellhounds on his trail, then *CCKMP* (Cocaine Cannot Kill My Pain), which detailed the prolonged drugs habit which he only managed to lose during a drugs-related prison sentence two years ago.

When Earle sang songs like *this, or the harrowing Ellis Unit One*, it became clear that he is truly a "country outlaw" in the Johnny Cash and David Allan Coe tradition, rather than a heart-throb in the clean-cut mould of the new Nashville heroes. This was also *made* clear in his ceaseless quips, which covered everything from Garth Brooks and hallucinogenic mushrooms to his six marriages ("Lou-Anne and I decided to get married again, cos our divorce didn't work out").

During the second encore the show came full circle when Earle and the Dukes were joined by the V-roys and a tin-whistle player for a rousing version of *Johnny Come Lately*, which he originally recorded with The Pogues and which was inspired by a night on the tiles in Camden Town.

Earle no longer has those kind of nights, but he still seems fired by that spirit.

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Henri Dutilleux takes time out from his busy schedule as London celebrates the octogenarian French composer

■ MUSIC 2

A compelling performance from Rostropovich on the podium with the LSO at the Barbican

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

CYBILL SHEPHERD: *Currently* starring in Channel 4's sit-com *Cybill*, the award-winning television and film actress is making her British singing debut with five cabaret performances. Few tickets remaining.
Green Room, Café Royal, Regent *Street (0171-437 9090). Tonight-Sat*, 7pm, set begins at 9.15pm

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The conductor Mstislav Rostropovich *opens tonight's concert with Richard* Rodney Bennett's *ebullient Partita* for *Orchestra*. Britten's Serenade for tenor, horn and strings (with Ian Bostridge and Hugh Seenan) and Shostakovich's Fifth *Symphony* complete the programme.
Barbican, Silk Street EC2 (0171-638 *8891). Tonight, 7.30pm.* Ⓢ

CHAMBER MUSIC: The **Academy of Ancient Music** — Frank de Bruine, oboe, Antony Pay, clarinet, Danny Bond, bassoon, Anthony Halstead, horn, Robert Levin, fortepiano — play Mozart's Quintet in E flat for piano and winds. Two pieces by Beethoven, *including his Pathétique Sonata*, bring *the evening to a satisfying conclusion.*
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm Ⓢ

PORTIA COUGHLAN: Derbhla Crotty in the title role of *Marina* Carr's play, which opens here tonight. The loss of a drowned twin brother is set against the *ordinariness of small-town Ireland*. Directed by Garry Hynes
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mats Sat 3.30pm. *Until June 1.*

ELSEWHERE

BAGNOR: First night for Michael *Pennington* as Archie Rice in a *slightly* edited version of **The Entertainer**, directed by Stephen Rayne.
Watermill, Bagnor, near Newbury (01635 46044). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then *Mon-Sat, 7.30pm (except June 8,* 6.30pm), mats Thurs and Sat 2.30pm. Until June 8 Ⓢ

GLASGOW: Puccini's unfinished *magnum opus*, ***Turandot***, *is given* by the Scottish Opera as part of the city's ongoing Mayfest celebrations. With Kathleen Broderick in the title role, the Chinese tenor Deng as Prince Calaf and *Stafford Dean as Timur. Sung in Italian* with English surtitles. Richard Armstrong is the conductor.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (0141-332 9000). Tonight, 7.15pm. Then May 18, 21 and 23. Ⓢ

BASINGSTOKE: **English National Ballet** presents a thrilling and varied *repertoire of one-act ballets, including* Mauro Bigonzetti's acclaimed *Symphonic Dances*, David Lichine's *Graduation Ball* and Kenneth MacMillan's *My Brother, My Sisters*.
The Anvil, Churchill Lane (01256 844244). Tonight and tomorrow, *7.30pm. Next in* ***Crawley***. *The Hawth* (01293 553636), May 21-22. Ⓢ

NEWBURY: *The* ***Russian State Philharmonic Orchestra*** continues its *extensive* British tour with a visit to the Newbury Spring Festival. Valery Polansky, the orchestra's artistic director and chief conductor, directs an all-Russian programme, climaxing with *Tchaikovsky's mighty Fourth Symphony.*
Festival Box office (01635 522733). Tonight, 7.30pm (St Nicolas Church).

LONDON GALLERIES

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

- ■ **House full, returns only**
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◪ **DEFINITELY DORIS**. Revue-style musical celebrating the life and songs of Miss Day. High sugar content.
King's Head, 119 Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat *and Sun, 3.30pm. Until May 26* Ⓢ

☐ **GOOD BONES**: Nick Cohen's *adaptation of the Margaret Atwood* mythological novel, combining Adam and Eve figures, genesis, sex and cooking.
Southwark Playhouse, Southwark Bridge Rd, SE1 (0171-620 3494). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm

◪ **A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC**. Elegant and successful production by Sean *Mathias* of Sondheim's *Swedish* charmer. Judi Dench, Patricia Hodge, Siân Phillips and Lambert Wilson among the stars shining in the night.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm; mat Wed 2pm. In rep. Ⓢ

☐ **RESURRECTION**: Paines Plough's much-admired play by Maureen *Lawrence comes here after its* nationwide tour. Penny Ciniewicz directs. *Malcolm Rennie and Tyrone Huggins* as Dr Johnson and his black servant, Francis Barber
Bush, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat 8pm.

◪ **SALAD DAYS**: Welcome return of Julian Slade's musical, directed by Ned Sherrin. Nicola Fulljames and Simon Connolly play the lovers in a company *that includes Kit and the Widow.*
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed *2.30pm, Sat 4pm*

◪ **TAP DOGS**: Dein Perry's sextet of dancers in working-boots returns to its building-site set. High energy stuff, though some dance aficionados have been unimpressed.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Thurs, 8pm. Fri and Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm

◪ **THREE SISTERS**: Out of Joint's widely acclaimed production back in *London for one month; three changes* in Max Stafford-Clark's cast
Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm. Until June 1 Ⓢ

☐ **TOLSTOY**. Feeble attempt to suggest what went on in the home of the great bearded monster. F. Murray Abraham plays the complicated novelist and Gemma Jones his infuriated wife, clawing at each other in James *Goldman's play about their curdled* marriage. Tony Award-winner Jack Hofsiss directs
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). *Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs* and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **TOMMY**: Hugely impressive staging of the traumatised child's apotheosis to *pinball wizard*. Loads of electronic tricks disguise the improbability.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

☐ **TWELVE ANGRY MEN**: Kevin Whately, Timothy West, Peter Vaughan and nine excellent others in Reginald Rose's celebrated jury-room drama.
Comedy, Panton Street SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat 4pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) . . . ☐ ***Communicating Doors***: Savoy (0171-836 8888) . . ☐ **Funny Money**: Playhouse (0171-839 4401) . . . ☐ **Jolson**. Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . ☐ ***Mack and Mabel***: *Piccadilly (0171-369 1734)* . . . ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ☐ ***Oliver!***: *Palladium (0171-494 5020)* ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . ☐ **Sunset *Boulevard***: *Adelphi (0171-344 0055)*

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **EXECUTIVE DECISION** (15): Good, *silly fun on a hijacked airliner, with Kurt* Russell, Halle Berry, and a consignment of nerve gas.
MGMs Fulham Road Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

MR HOLLAND'S OPUS (PG): Thirty years of a music teacher's life. Well-meaning piffle, with Richard Dreyfuss. Director, Stephen Herek.
Odeon ***Leicester Square*** *(01426-915 683)*

STONEWALL (15): Events leading up to the 1969 Stonewall riots. Wayward *celebration of gay New York, with* Guillermo Diaz and Frederick Weller. Director, Nigel Finch.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-*727 6705)*

WHITE SQUALL (12): Jeff Bridges's *school ship* battles the elements. Waterlogged drama with a splendid storm. Director, Ridley Scott.
MGM Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** *(0171-792 3332)*

CURRENT

◆ **THE BIRDCAGE** (15): Crass, gaudy *remake of La Cage aux Folles, with* Robin Williams and Nathan Lane as the gay couple faced with an in-law problem.
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** *(01426 914098)* **Rio** *(0171-254 6677)* **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **COPYCAT** (18): Agoraphobic Sigourney Weaver and Holly Hunter's police detective battle with a serial killer. Unpleasant thriller.
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◆ **HACKERS** (12): Teenage hackers uncover a corporate conspiracy. Fizzy fun from *Backbeat* director Iain Softley, with Jonny Lee Miller and Angelina Jolie.
MGMs: Fulham Road Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0171-437 1234)

◆ ***IL POSTINO*** *(U)*: *Michael Radford's* heartwarming delight about a simple *man opening his eyes to poetry.*
MGMs: Panton Street (0171-930 0631) **Swiss Centre** (0171-439 4470)

◆ **RICHARD III** (15): Shakespeare updated to the 1930s. Dynamic cinema, with Ian McKellen. Director, Richard Loncraine.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Minema** (0171-235 4225) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) ***Ritzy*** *(0171-737 2121)* ***Screen on the Hill*** (0171-435 3366)

◆ **THINGS TO DO IN DENVER WHEN YOU'RE DEAD** (18): Hip and humane crime drama from new director Gary Fleder. Andy Garcia heads a *fashionable cast.*
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◆ **TWELVE MONKEYS** (15): Unwieldy *extravaganza* from Terry Gilliam, with Bruce Willis as the time-traveller seeking the source of a virus. With Madeleine Stowe, Brad Pitt
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Champion of all that's beautiful

John Allison meets Henri Dutilleux, the 80-year-old composer currently visiting London for a celebration of French music

At 80 years of age, Henri Dutilleux is the epitome of a great-hearted French composer. Throughout his small but distinguished output of work he has always championed an elevated *notion of beauty, and in conversation* he still defends it vigorously. Indeed, there is little about this sprightly octogenarian to betray his age, not even the way in which he negotiates the old staircase leading to his modest apartment on the Ile St Louis in Paris.

At present he is working on a piece for the Boston Symphony Orchestra. "They're impatient because I'm late, and it's not for the first time! This year is hard for me because of my birthday. I have a lot of *petits voyages* to make. The journeys can be interesting and they make me happy when I hear good performances, but I must say that they interrupt the continuity of my work — *if I don't have at least an uninterrupted* month, I don't work well. There's a phrase from Baudelaire about daily work carrying interest like capital — it allows you to go further. I need my *discipline. I mustn't complain, but* anniversaries cut two ways."

Dutilleux is making one of his *petits voyages* to London where, next Tuesday at the Festival Hall, he will be *featured in Après l'après-midi II, the* ten-day festival of 20th-century French music. Along with his wife, the pianist Geneviève Joy, he will also participate in a masterclass, discussions and *performances at the South Bank* Centre, Wigmore Hall, Royal College of Music and Institut Français. An impressive line-up of musicians joins the Philharmonia Orchestra and Nash Ensemble for the celebrations.

The composer will be represented by a range *of his works, from the 1947* Oboe Sonata, one of the earliest pieces, to his 1991 *Diptyque Les Citations*, and in between such major opuses as the Second Symphony. In spite of its diversity, his music is characterised by bright sonorities and what he calls his "harmonic conscience".

Debussy and Ravel are an obvious part of his *musical* make-up, but Dutilleux cites even the Franco-Flem*ish polyphonic composers of the Re*naissance as influences. His highly individual style sets him apart from major colleagues such as Messiaen and Boulez, but he refuses to see *himself* as artistically *isolated.*

"My style evolved from the realisation of *the* things I lacked. Despite my good education at the Paris Conservatoire, I didn't know classics such as the Beethoven quartets, or *the works* of Bartók and the Second Viennese *School. The serialists were not taught* at the Conservatoire in the 1930s.

"Many important names were barely mentioned. There was a big gap between official teaching and real *musical life so I had to discover them* for myself. I did not like the 'terrorism' that the serialists imposed, but certain orchestral works of Schoenberg and Berg gave me something special in my *search for rare colours.*"

Colour and harmonic sensuality are the key ingredients of a French sound in music. Their *presence is especially strong* in Dutilleux's work, not only in the Van Gogh-inspired *La Nuit Etoilée* that the Philharmonia Orchestra performs in this festival's final concert. "Colour is *important to me because I grew up* with art. In *my* youth our house was full of paintings, especially by such artists as Corot and Delacroix.

"My great-grandfather, also an art*ist, was a friend of both men.* In fact, Corot attended his funeral. But until I *came to Paris to study I was surround*ed by those paintings — it became stuffy and oppressive. So it was a total revelation to discover the Impressionists, and a marvel to find abstract painters *like* Kandinsky. Many contemporary painters are my friends — I can't live without art."

Dutilleux is now one of the grand old men of French music. He was appointed *Professor* at the Conservatoire in 1970, after holding posts in French Radio and the École Normale de *Musique. During the Occupation he* eked out a living as an arranger of nightclub music and a singing coach at the Opéra, having been forced to return home a year after winning the Prix de Rome. Has he never been inspired to write an opera?

"It's my great regret *not to have* written one. People encouraged me. I was practically commissioned, but I was *preoccupied* with other works. Perhaps my temperament doesn't allow me to throw myself into such a venture, perhaps I write too slowly.

"And I hesitated a lot over a subject — *I spent a whole summer searching,* looking especially at short stories by foreign writers. Now it's too late. I've taken up a project for voice for the Berlin Philharmonic — maybe it will *become a prologue to an imaginary* opera!

"I know I love the theatre — I discovered that with my ballet *Le Loup* in 1953. It was an adventure for me. They've just revived *it at the Opéra*, but I wasn't invited. Perhaps they think I'm dead," *shrugs a man whose music has* never seemed more alive.

● *Details and tickets for the Après l'après-midi II series from the Festival Hall box office (0171-960 4242)*

Dutilleux: his "search for rare colours" shows up in *La Nuit Etoilée*

Youth opportunities

CONCERT

LSO / Rostropovich
Barbican

THE chance to hear the violinist Maxim Vengerov and the pianist Evgeny Kissin play in London within four days of each other is not only a privilege but a revelation. At 22, Vengerov is younger than his compatriot by three years; yet he is the adult, Kissin still *the child. While Kissin* breathes the rarefied air of the hothouse, Vengerov's music-making takes relaxed lungfuls of the big outdoors.

Although Vengerov won his major awards and made his significant debuts when he was just 16, he has never really been projected as a prodigy. Age, indeed, is *an irrelevance* when listening to his performances. The deep calm of totally focused concentration with which his Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto began on Sunday night was entirely typical of Vengerov as an unusually mature performer.

He was in no mind to hurtle on to the fireworks, and Mstislav Rostropovich, who had *already held the London Sym*phony Orchestra well back in the *Sea Interludes* from Britten's *Peter Grimes*, seemed to relish the chance to *be as expansive as possible.* The expressive world of the entire concerto seemed contained in the soloist's opening phrases: Vengerov was determined to work from a high, long-sighted vantage point.

Each of the principal themes took its contour from *individual notes which were* meticulously placed in both weight and measure, while the soloist's passagework was deeply and purposefully etched. The cadenza was a little sonata in itself, with every sinew of the body stretched to seek out maximum expression.

The central canzonetta bore no more weight than its name implies. *This was the lightest* of songs, with the bow barely grazing the strings, yet making exquisite chamber music with Andrew Marriner's principal clarinet. For the finale, Vengerov became the haunted fiddler of a Chagall canvas, with dance episodes almost grotesquely characterised.

After the interval, Rostropovich conducted a compelling performance of Prokofiev's Sixth Symphony. This dark work has seldom *seemed* darker: both men, after all, had witnessed many of the same horrors in the Soviet 1940s. The LSO responded with alert empathy, *maintaining* momentum through the testing slow movement where the composer of *Cinderella* looks out with the wide eyes of a child but the furrowed brow of a *Boris Godunov*.

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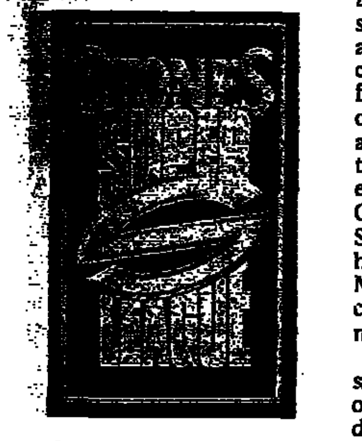
League sets its sights on union's heartlands

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

NOT content with showing rugby union how to run with the ball, rugby league is venturing further beyond its tight scrum of clubs in the North into union heartlands. Cardiff and Dublin are in line to join London and Paris in the Stones Super League as early as next year. Barcelona and Milan are other targets.

The possibility of the new South Wales club, presently playing at Aberavon in the second division, being "fast-tracked" into the Super League for 1997 is backed by a seven-figure sum and a switch to Cardiff Arms Park. A Dublin franchise also has business support and Lansdowne Road would be an obvious venue.

However, raising a competitive team in Dublin might prove more difficult. Although Ireland reached the final of the Emerging Nations' World Cup last year, the side is nowhere near the calibre required. Substantial and costly team building would be needed in a country where the sport is in its infancy.



Wales is old, yet unconquered, territory for rugby league. South Wales have made an encouraging start in the second division and instant promotion to the Super League would entice a strong Welsh contingent home. The meeting of Sheffield Eagles and St Helens at the Arms Park on June 8 is an opportunity to gauge public interest.

An expansion of the Super League from 12 to as many as 16 teams in future years, which club chairmen will discuss today, could also include an East Yorkshire club, provided that Hull and Hull Kingston Rovers can see past traditional enmity towards a merged future.

Jacques Fouroux, the Paris Saint-Germain chairman and former France rugby union coach, wants to establish a Barcelona side, based on players from the Perpignan region in southwest France, 100 miles north. More ambitiously still, a Milan side also springs from Fouroux's vision.

Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League chairman, said yesterday: "I believe in meaningful expansion, not fanciful expansion. New clubs must be backed by credible business plans, with quality players and stadiums, with the ability to draw on support."

The first division, too, is to be enlarged, with the introduction of two leading French sides next season, who will also compete in a play-off competition with the top two first division teams at the end of this season. Lindsay also announced a "plate" competition for losing clubs in the early rounds of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup outside the Super League and a double-header final at Wembley next May. The Regal Trophy is a confirmed casualty of the move to summer.

The world club championship has virtually been written off for this year because of the dispute in Australia, which yesterday embroiled Gary Connolly and Jason Robinson, of Wigan. Both players have long-term contracts with the Australian Rugby League (ARL), which will "withdraw" them from England's side in the European championship next month in a tit-for-tat exchange over a threatened refusal by some Super League players to represent Australia in the forthcoming series against New Zealand.

"If they [the ARL] try to bribe them not to play for their country, it will be interesting to see what a judge in this country would say," Lindsay said. "We're going to select them and the ARL will have to do its worst."

GREAT BRITAIN TOUR (international dates): September 29: Papua New Guinea (Port Moresby). October 5: Fiji. October 11: New Zealand (Palmerston North). October 18: New Zealand (Auckland). October 25: New Zealand (Christchurch).

Davies gets round to self-congratulation

Patricia Davies on the British golfer whose resolve earned her a third major title

Davies celebrates sinking her putt at the 16th to take the lead for the first time. Photograph: Roberto Borea

Laura Davies is not given to self-promoting hyperbole, but she did allow herself a generous pat on the back after her triumph in the McDonald's LPGA Championship late on Sunday. "That's the best round of golf I've ever played in the final round of a major tournament," she said.

Mark Fulcher, who caddies for Davies every year at the Dupont Country Club in Delaware, went even further. "It's the finest round I've ever seen her play," he said.

Davies, 32, held her nerve on a windswept and waterlogged course to produce a final round of 70, one under par, which gave her a level-par total of 213 and left her one shot ahead of Julie Piers, who also broke par on a day when the average score was 76.1. Jane Crafter and Penny Hammel, who came home in 33, tied for third on 215.

On a course that she loves because it allows here to give full rein to her driver, Davies had 17 pars and one birdie in a remarkable display. However, it was not birdies that won Davies, 32, the third major title of her career — she had only five in the three rounds — so much as pars. She had 45 and Fulcher reckoned that no putt and no par was more important than the one from six feet that Davies holed for a five at the 9th early on Sunday morning, to complete her storm-disrupted second round.

Davies had to play only two holes — others had to play as many as 11, including Catrin Nilsmark, the first-round leader, who was so bewildered by the biting, swirling wind that she missed the cut — but she had the worst possible start, taking five at the 8th.

Stunned, Davies salvaged that par at the ninth and a breakfast of steak and eggs set her up for an afternoon of attrition. Kelly Robbins, the defending champion, was two under par and led by a shot from Hiromi Kobayashi, of Japan, but Robbins knew that she needed a rest even before the championship began and slithered to a round of 79.

Koybayashi dropped shots at the first two holes and, when Crafter had a birdie two at the 5th, she was in the lead on her own at level par. She bogeyed the 9th, however, to share the lead with Davies, Kobayahsi, Val Skinner, Shirley Furlong and Annika Sorenstam. It was anybody's championship and, at one stage on the second nine, Davies, an inveterate watcher of leaderboards, saw that there were 11 players within a shot of the lead.

It was Davies, though, who broke the deadlock at last, at the 16th, the par-five that she bogeyed last year to turn the championship in Robbins's favour. Then, Davies had a six-iron for her second shot; on Sunday, she needed a three-wood. It missed the green, but she pitched to 18 feet and holed to lead.

LEADING FINAL SCORES

United States unless stated

213: L Davies (GB) 72, 71, 70. 214: J Larsen Piers 72, 72, 70. 215: P Hammel 73, 72, 70; J Crafter (GB) 75, 68, 72. 216: J Dickinson 71, 74, 71; J Inkster 70, 73, 73; S Furlong 70, 73, 73; V Skinner 73, 69, 74; H Kobayashi (Japan) 70, 71, 75. 217: P Sheehan 72, 74, 71; M Mallon 69, 75, 73; M Dobek 72, 75, 70; K Albers 72, 71, 74. 218: L Kiggens 75, 70, 73; E King 72, 72, 74; A Sorenstam (Swe) 69, 73, 76; J Briles Hinton 73, 69, 76. Other scores: 219: K Marshall (GB) 73, 73, 73; N Lopez 70, 73, 76. 220: C Pierce (GB) 75, 69, 76. 221: P Johnson (GB) 75, 73, 73; E Dahllof (Swe) 72, 72, 77. 222: L Neumann (Swe) 74, 71, 77; K Webb (Aus) 71, 75, 76. 223: A Nicholas (GB) 68, 76, 79. 224: S Strudwick (GB) 75, 71, 78.

"It was the first time all week I'd had my nose in front," Davies said, and she kept it there, just. She came to the last needing a par four to win — barring any late heroics by Kobayashi — and hit a solid two-iron off the tee. However, her three-iron second shot, also solid, was bunkered on the left, 20 yards or so from the pin. Walking to her ball, Davies reminded herself that she had got up and down at the same hole three years ago to win. Thus fortified, she hit a sand wedge to ten feet and, on a green where very little had been holed all day, sank the putt.

"I'm as impatient as ever," Davies said, but her performance belied that. It was a mature, masterly display of control, both of swing and self. A speedster on and off the course, she took her time. She hit 13 greens and, when she had to step back from a putt, to settle herself in the wind, she did and she holed all the par-saving four- and five-foot putts.

Davies reminded people that she won her US Open title on a Tuesday after numerous delays and problems with the weather — and, having won the LPGA title twice in three years, she is moving up the list of major championship winners. Of contemporary players, only Patty Sheehan and Pat Bradley, with six, Betsy King and Amy Alcott, with five, and Hollis Stacy, with four, have won more majors than her.

It was the 43rd victory of her career and her thirteenth in the United States. The first prize of $180,000 (about £115,000) moved her into second place on the money-list with $416,941, behind Karrie Webb, of Australia.

IN BRIEF

Rusedski falls at the first hurdle

GREG RUSEDSKI bowed out in the first round of the Italian Open tennis tournament in Rome yesterday. In a contest of two big servers, Rusedski was beaten 7-6, 6-3 by Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, the No 2 seed, who relied on his fierce forehand and the occasional touch shot to secure victory.

Rusedski, 22, who switched his citizenship from Canada in order to represent Great Britain in the Davis Cup, learnt yesterday that Britain's proposal to play their away tie against Ghana in July at Wimbledon instead of Accra had been turned down. David Lloyd, the Great Britain captain, had been roundly condemned in Ghana for opposing the trip because it would involve a long flight, injections and possible illness in the critical period between Wimbledon and the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

McMillan hopes

Boxing: Colin McMillan has his first important contest on the road back to the top when he challenges Jon Jo Irwin, the British featherweight champion from Doncaster, in Dagenham, tonight.

In 1992, McMillan was the most exciting boxer in the country, but, after he dislocated his shoulder defending his World Boxing Organisation title against Reuben Palacio, of Colombia, he was never able to recapture his form. McMillan believes that, if he can take the title from Irwin, it will be the first step towards a match with Naseem Hamed.

Davies dictates

Real tennis: Wayne Davies, the former world champion, scored a spectacular straight-sets victory over Paul Tabley, his fellow Australian, to win the BNB Resources British professional championship at Holyport, playing error-free tennis for much of the match. Davies now looks an even stronger favourite for the Laurent Perrier masters championship next week.

On shortlist

Equestrianism: William Fox-Pitt and Kristina Gifford, who had to miss Badminton, the main Olympic trial, two weeks ago, because of injury to their horses, are included on the shortlist for the British Olympic three-day event team subject to satisfactory further work with their horses, Cosmopolitan II and General Jock.

OLYMPIC SHORTLIST: C Bathe (The Cool Customer); K Dixon (Too Smart); W Fox-Pitt (Cosmopolitan II); K Gifford (General Jock); C Hunnable (Mr Bootsie); L Jennings (Diamond Pedlar); M King (King William and Star Appeal); L Law (New Flavour); G Parsonage (Magic Rogue) and I Stark (Stanwick Ghost)

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The technique on this hand is obvious when you think about it. However, John Armstrong, my man in the North West, reports that two Lancashire county players missed the point.

Dealer North Game all IMPs

North:
♠ A Q J 3
♥ 5
♦ K J 4
♣ A K J 7 2

West:
♠ 6 5 2
♥ 10 8 7 4
♦ 9 5 2
♣ Q 9 5

East:
♠ 9 7
♥ A J 9 6 3 2
♦ A Q 10 7
♣ 4

South:
♠ K 10 8 4
♥ K Q
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 10 8 6 3

W	N	E	S
-	1C	1H	1S
Pass	4S	All Pass	

Contract: Four Spades by South Lead: Eight of hearts

East won the opening heart lead and returned a heart. The declarers at both tables won and discarded a diamond from dummy on the king of hearts, drew trumps and played clubs from the top. When West got in, he could play a diamond through dummy's KJ, enabling East to score two tricks there.

I hope you see the correct line. Declarer should cash two trumps, then the ace of clubs, then play a third trump to hand. Now, he plays a second round of clubs and, if West follows low, he puts in the jack. If East wins, he will be out of clubs and so will have to give South his tenth trick via a ruff and discard or by leading diamonds.

☐ The biennial friendly international between England and Holland was played in Rotterdam at the weekend. This resulted in an English win by 405-313, giving them an overall lead of 5-4 in the series.

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☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ABSCISS
a. A purulent boil
b. To cut off
c. A counting machine

ARGAND
a. A mountaineer's clamp
b. A numerical diagram

DYAK
a. A double-hulled canoe
b. A double-headed axe
c. An aboriginal

GLORIA
a. A pink rose
b. Coffee with rum
c. A meringue with cream

KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Fide prize

Fide, the World Chess Federation, has clarified its assertion that the prize fund for the Karpov - Kamsky Fide world championship will be $2 million (about £1.3 million). In a statement last week, it was explained that $400,000 from this sum would be levied as a tax to Fide, while a further $500,000 would be donated as a charitable fund for the children of Kalmykia. This leaves $1.1 million for the players. Here is an early win by Karpov against the young Kamsky. The game is typical of the dour and unremitting style of both players.

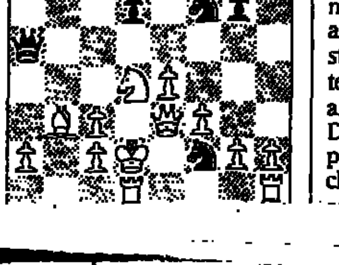
White: Gata Kamsky
Black: Anatoly Karpov
Linares, 1991

Nimzo-Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	Nf3	c5
5	e3	Nc6
6	Bd3	Bxc3+
7	bxc3	d6
8	e4	e5
9	d5	Ne7
10	h3	h6
11	Be3	Qa5
12	Qb3	Qc7
13	Nd2	Nh5
14	g3	g5
15	0-0-0	Ng6
16	Be2	Nf6
17	Rdf1	Qe7
18	Qb1	Kd8
19	Nf3	Kc7
20	h4	g4
21	Ne1	Nh5
22	Qc2	Qe8
23	Bd3	Bd7
24	Qd2	Qf8
25	Nc2	Qg7
26	Kb2	Raf8
27	Na3	a6
28	Ka1	b6
29	Rb1	Rb8
30	Rb3	Ne7
31	Rhb1	Qg6
32	Qb2	Nc8
33	Nc2	Ng7
34	Qa3	a5
35	Qc1	f5
36	exf5	Bxf5
37	Bxf5	Nxf5
38	Bd2	Rf8
39	Na3	Rb7
40	R3b2	Rf6
41	Qd1	Kd8
42	Qa4	Nfe7
43	Be3	Rf3
44	Nc2	Rf6
45	Ne1	Qe4
46	Rd1	Rc7
47	Qb5	Nf5
48	Bc1	Ke7
49	Qa4	Kf7
50	Nd3	Ng7
51	Ne1	Kg8
52	Be3	Rcf7
53	Qc6	Rf8
54	Qa4	Nf5
55	Bc1	R6f7
56	Nd3	Kg7
57	Ne1	Rf6
58	Qd7+	Nfe7
59	Nd3	Qxc4
60	Nxe5	dxe5
61	d6	R8f7
62	dxe7	Nxe7
63	Qd2	Re6
64	Qe1	e4
65	Rbd2	Nc6
66	Re2	Rf3
67	Rd7+	Kf8
68	Be3	Ke8
69	Rb7	Ne5
70	Rb2	Nd3
71	Qd2	Rf6
72	Rb1	Rd6
73	Qc2	a4
74	a3	Kd8
75	h5	Kc8
76	Ra7	b5
77	Rg7	b4
78	Rd1	b3
79	Qe2	Ne5
80	Qe1	Rxd1+
81	Qxd1	Rd6
82	Rg8+	Kc7
83	Rg7+	Kc6
84	Qc1	White resigns

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



Black to play. This position is from the game Cruz — Talavera, Seville, 1996. Earlier in this game, Black sacrificed rook for knight on the c3 square and now has the opportunity to regain this material by capturing either of the White rooks. However, he found something much stronger. Can you see what?

Cup defeat the spur for Neath

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Welsh League and Heineken, its sponsor, part company after this season, but their six-year alliance will be drawn out to the last moment. The league title will not be decided until this evening, the last day of an extended season, when it will either remain at Cardiff Arms Park or pass to Neath.

The argument over bonus points for tries continues, but it has produced a situation in which Neath lead the first division only by virtue of having scored six more tries than Cardiff; both clubs are on 67 points for a season in which four clubs have come through to dominate domestic rugby.

That quartet are matched tonight: Llanelli, lying fourth, visit Cardiff and Pontypridd go to Neath, whom they beat in the Swalec Cup final to win their first title of note. That disappointment will be the spur for Neath.

On the face of it, theirs is the harder task. Pontypridd have been the division's best defenders and they have named a strong team, though there are significant absentees in Paul John and Dale McIntosh.

Were Llanelli to win, of course, it would probably hand the title to Neath. Wayne Proctor, who will be required as full back on tour of Australia with Wales, is in his normal position on the wing and Matthew McCarthy is at stand-off half against a Cardiff team including 11 internationals, of whom two, Adrian Davies and Andy Moore, are playing their last game for the club before moving to Rich-

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Essex shrug off loss of Gooch and Law to emphasise title credentials

Inspirational Irani rises to challenge in victory pursuit

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHAMPTON (final day of four): Essex (23pts) beat Hampshire (8) by four wickets

IF THE purpose of four-day cricket is to simulate the demands and longevity of a Test match, then here was rich justification. *Few county* teams have the capacity to win after conceding upwards of 500 in the first innings and confronting a chase of more than 300 on the final afternoon, but Essex, old hands at such missions improbable, achieved a memorable *result with* comparative comfort, extending their sequence of championship wins to seven.

Their pursuit of 329 in 69 overs was finely judged and calmly sustained through the loss of Gooch and Law at delicate moments. A fifth-wicket stand of 112 in 16 overs between Prichard, the captain, and Irani, the all-rounder, brought victory into view and the manner in which Irani saw it through, with two overs to spare, was further evidence for his promotion to England *colours in the Texaco Trophy* next week.

A week *ago, at Worcester,* Irani demonstrated his relish for a challenge with a thrilling, match-winning century after Essex had subsided to 32 for five. The chase only serves to inspire him, as he emphasised yesterday, batting with selective violence and using his height, reach and strength to great advantage. He hit four sixes and four fours in making his 81 from only 77 balls.

Essex have been adept, down the years, in integrating and improving players discarded by other counties. Irani, who joined from Lancashire in 1994, is one example and another may be Paul Grayson, released by Yorkshire at the end of last season, but already impressing the old *heads at Essex with his* attitude.

Registered primarily as a batsman, he is also proving a useful, second-line slow bowler, and it was his left-arm spin that prised out Hampshire's three remaining wickets in the morning session, though only just in time to keep the target within reach.

Hampshire's grip on this match was eroded by woeful batting against Such on Saturday evening. The fact that their *last three* wickets added 108 put the pitch conditions in perspective and Prichard's reliance on spin through 80 *minutes of cricket was* beginning to seem misplaced as Whitaker, his bat perpendicular in his stance, carried the Hampshire lead to 300 and beyond.

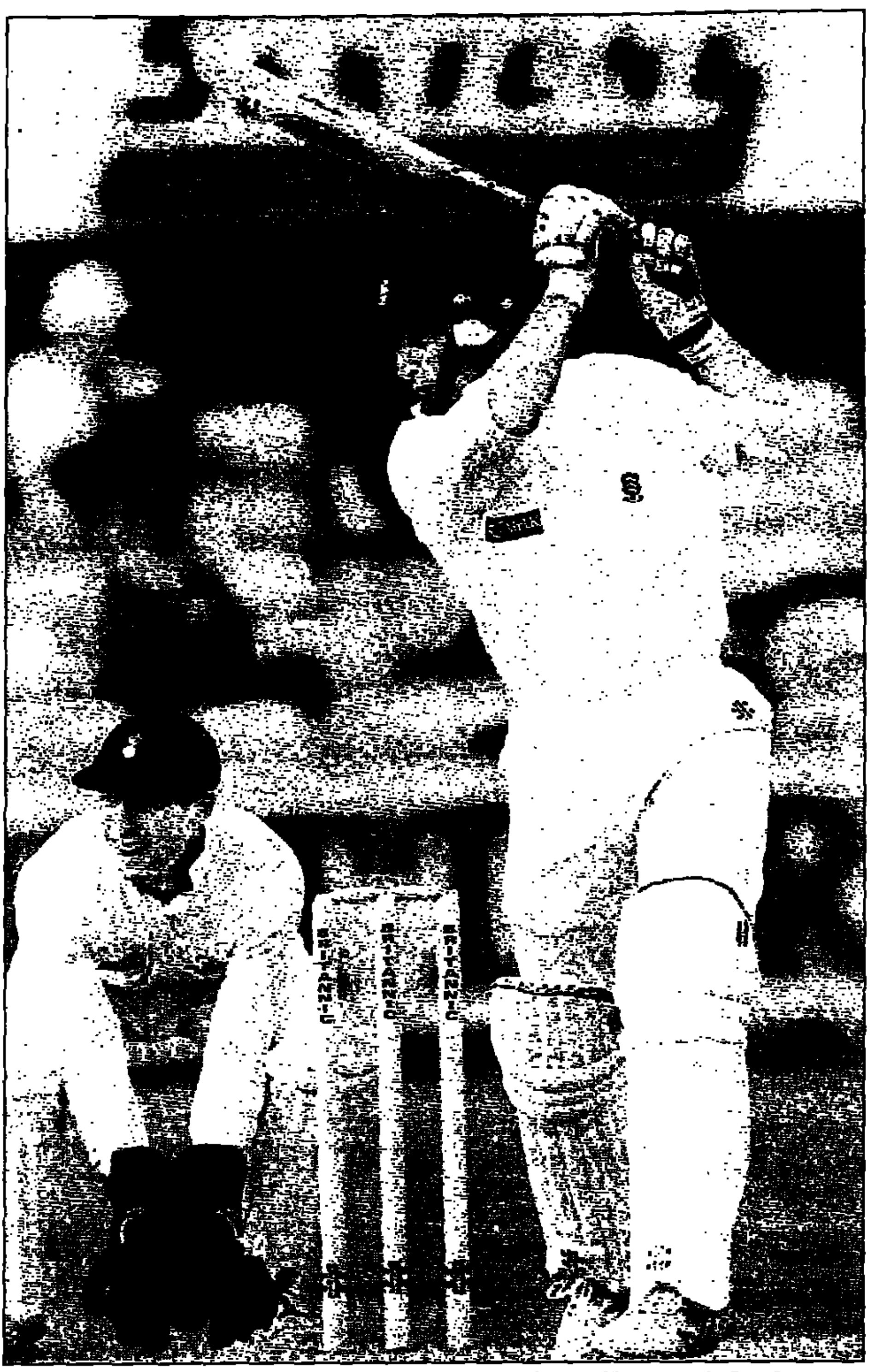
Gooch took the final catch and scurried off to don pads, but, for once, his was not to be the critical innings. The old boy was to blame for Robinson's *run out in the last over* before lunch, and he fell to a *good one from Connor soon* afterwards. Hussain and Law put on 64, but both were out with the game still in the balance, Law failing to make a *century for the first time in* four innings on this ground and Hussain failing to make his elusive first hundred of the season.

At 168 for four, with 161 required from *27* overs, Hampshire sensed their chance. Irani *snuffed it out* with the conviction of a *supremely self-confident cricket*er. His treatment of Udal was calculatingly brutal and, despite hopping around for some time after a blow on the foot from Connor, his innings was chanceless and composed. He left the field with a mile-wide grin of the sort that Essex may be practising with regularity this summer, for, if any side is likely to give Warwickshire a contest, it is them.

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Essex (6)	2	2	0	0	8	7	47
Somerset (11)	2	1	0	1	7	8	34
Leics (2)	2	1	0	1	8	5	30
Yorkshire (14)	2	1	0	1	8	3	30
Glamorgan (18)	2	1	1	0	8	3	27
Kent (9)	2	1	0	1	4	4	27
Middlesex (4)	2	1	1	0	1	8	25
Warwicks (1)	1	1	0	0	4	4	24
Gloucs (12)	1	1	0	0	1	4	21
Surrey (7)	2	0	0	2	8	6	20
Derbyshire (17)	2	0	1	1	8	7	18
Northants (5)	2	0	1	1	7	6	16
Notts (3)	2	0	1	1	3	7	13
Durham (16)	2	0	1	1	2	8	13
Lancashire (10)	2	0	1	1	3	7	13
Sussex (8)	2	0	1	-1	4	3	10
Hampshire (13)	1	0	1	0	4	4	8
Worcs (15)	1	0	1	0	1	4	5

(Last season's positions in brackets)



Hussain drives Udal to the boundary as Aymes looks on. Photograph: Ian Stewart

McCague offers all-round reminder to England

BY PAT GIBSON

THE OVAL (final day of four): Surrey (11pts) drew with Kent (8)

MARTIN McCAGUE has not crossed the *minds of the* England selectors since he bowled *one of the worst open*ing spells in the history of Test cricket on the 1994-95 Australian tour, but they will have to think about him again if he produces many more all-round performances like the one that stood this match on its head yesterday.

First, McCague, born in Northern Ireland, raised in Australia but *now very much* a man of Kent, made 63 not *out, the highest score of his* career, enabling Kent, having started the day only 106 runs ahead with four wickets in hand, to set Surrey 227 to win in what turned out to be 50 overs. Then, he took their first four wickets for 33, including a sequence of three for three in *11 balls,* to give Kent a scent of victory before Surrey's seventh-wicket pair of Butcher and Julian held out for the final 27 overs.

Cowdrey, the last recog*nised Kent batsman,* had disappeared in the second over, leg-before *half-forward to* Martin Bicknell, and, when Thompson was caught behind of Bicknell soon afterwards, Surrey thought that they would have plenty of time to catch their evening flight to Belfast for their Benson and Hedges Cup match against Ireland today.

McCague kept them waiting until the last minute. Twice, he had to send for the pain-killing spray after being struck on the elbow as he ducked into short deliveries from Lewis, but he ignored the *discomfort to bat for 2½ hours,* hit seven fours and put on 89 *for the ninth* wicket with Patel.

The eventual target was well *within Surrey's range,* considering that they had made 307 *off 40 overs on Sunday,* but this was authentic first-class cricket and McCague was in the mood to give their bowlers a short, sharp lesson in the virtues of pitching the ball up. Brown, who had caused such mayhem on Sunday, was caught at mid-off, checking a drive in his second over, Darren Bicknell leg-before in his third and Thorpe, back when he should have been forward, bowled in his fifth.

Stewart briefly threatened a revival, but McCague got him, too, beautifully caught at second slip by Hooper, before his arm began to stiffen and force *Kent to turn to spin.* Hooper and Patel accounted for Hollioake *and Lewis in quick* succession, but Butcher and *Julian had no great difficulty* in taking Surrey to 160 for six.

Century by Dale opens the way to success for Glamorgan

BY IVO TENNANT

NORTHAMPTON (final day of four): Glamorgan (22pts) bt Northamptonshire (7) by five wickets

LEFT to score 279 off what ultimately proved to be 64 overs, Glamorgan won off the penultimate ball of the match. Three declarations were necessary to bring this about, which said something about the state of the pitch, but the victory was well merited. Adrian Dale, whose place was far from assured last year, made an excellent century and was ably partnered for *much of his innings by* Tony Cottey.

At tea, Glamorgan required 154 off a minimum of 30 overs. Maynard, it seemed then, was more important to their ambitions than Dale. The cricket was compelling while the captain was at the wicket, as is customarily the case. This was *not least the case when he was* looking to hit Emburey off his length. Assuming the captaincy *has not inhibited him.*

On the other hand, it has *not quelled his impetuosity.* After tea he looked to pull Taylor *through mid-wicket* and skied to mid-on. Morris *had gone before him, attempt*ing to increase the scoring rate by taking a risk or two against Emburey, but Dale remained.

It is three years since Dale batted sufficiently consistently to gain a place on an England A tour. After that, Vivian Richards departed and neither Dale nor Glamorgan were to be reckoned with to the same extent. Bowlers worked out for themselves his strengths and weaknesses, the *upshot being that he was* dropped last year.

Now, on a pitch that had, if anything, become easier to *bat on than on the first day.* Dale found the ideal partner *in Cottey. Together, they put* on 117 in 22 overs against field placings that increasingly smacked of Sunday league cricket. Emburey eventually accounted for Dale, taking a straightforward return catch, but Glamorgan's requirements were by now within their compass.

Off the last ten overs, 59 were needed. To cope with the short ball, Cottey was deploying a tennis smash as effectively as anything more conventional. He and Butcher had to score 14 off the last two overs, then six from the final over, bowled by Emburey — and even that most astute of cricketers could not prevent them from achieving it.

Cottey finished unbea*ten with 65 from 77 balls,* including five fours and nu*merous improvised* twos and threes.

Symonds keeps his options open

BY JACK BAILEY

BRISTOL (final day of three): Gloucestershire drew with the Indians

AS FAR as the English press are concerned, the puzzle wrapped in an enigma which is the availability of Andrew Symonds to play for England, if selected, remains unresolved. Direct speech from Symonds on the subject continues to be elusive. Philip August, the Gloucestershire chief executive, repeats until he is blue in the face that Symonds will be available, if selected. Symonds, *in response to repeated questions on the subject, has yet to come* out of the closet.

Symonds did tell an Indian journalist: "If they give me a break, I want to play for them." For whom, though, was *not exactly* clear. He is apparently keeping his options open until forced to declare his intentions. Although unlikely, the need for a decision could face him this weekend with the selection of the England party for the Texaco Trophy.

The Indians, meanwhile, left Nevil Road in a far better frame of mind than they left Worcester after their first venture in English first-class cricket. An overnight declaration by Mark Alleyne, with Gloucestershire still 155 runs in arrears (and on the understanding that there would be *no follow-on)* threw the match wide open. The Indians responded and a proper game of cricket ensued.

Although victory proved elusive, the Indians were visi*bly happy with the turn of* events. Had it not been for *stern resistance by Richard* Davis and Jonathan Lewis, who, *with seven wickets* down, battled for 20 overs against every variation that Azharuddin could devise, it would have been over early. As it was, although Davis fell to the excellent Srinath and the Indians squeezed in six extra overs, no further success came their way.

From first to last yesterday, scoring quick runs on a pitch that offered the bowlers more help than at any other time in the game was not easy. The seamers were able to nip the ball around and it was prone to keep low, but the Indians went for their shots and, *despite losing six wickets,* made 144 before declaring at *lunchtime, leaving Gloucestershire* to make 300 for *victory at five runs an over.*

Gloucestershire never really *looked like making them.* They lost their first three *wickets for six runs* and, although Symonds made 28, it took him more than an uncertain hour to score them. He and Hancock put on 59 in 17 overs without ever mastering the Indian bowlers. Srinath and Prasad bent the ball wickedly off the seam and were a rare handful, and, once Symonds left, Gloucestershire had to play for a draw.

During their morning quest for runs, the Indians pressed on regardless despite the regular fall of wickets. Ganguly, a left-hander, was their main provider. He *made light of his* nought in the first innings, clipped *11 fours,* and *a six* off the last ball of the Indian *innings, in his 64 and set up* the Indians with a reasonable chance that they only just failed to take.

Leicestershire draw comfort from record

THE *reintroduction of points* for a draw in the county championship inspired some dogged resistance from Leicestershire and Derbyshire yesterday.

At Old Trafford, Paul Nixon and David Millns, of Leicestershire, established a county record partnership for the eighth wicket to leave Lancashire frustrated.

Nixon and Millns came together on Saturday with their side still 161 runs short of the follow-on target, but went on to make 172, overtaking the *164 scored by Maurice Hallam* and Terry Spencer *against Essex at Leicester* in 1964. Nixon batted for more *than five hours for his 106.*

Colin Wells and Paul Aldred, *Derbyshire's ninth*-wicket pair, held out for seven *overs to earn a draw against* Yorkshire at Sheffield. Craig White, of Yorkshire, *reminded* the England selectors of his credentials with a devastating burst of four wickets for three runs in 11 balls just as Derbyshire were looking well placed to reach their target of 288 in 50 overs.

Desmond Haynes, the Sussex coach, conducted an inquest behind a locked dressing-room door after Warwickshire's innings and 139 runs victory over his new charges at Hove.

Warwickshire, the county champions, took 65 minutes to *take the remaining four* wickets and ensure that they *began their assault on a third* successive title in emphatic *style. Sussex have won only* one of their eight matches.

No quarter asked in tense finale

KENT, who were the beaten Benson and Hedges Cup finalists last season, could *today be eliminated from the competi*tion this year despite going *into their final group* game with a 100 per cent record. *(Alan Lee writes).*

The situation in group C is so complicated that four teams remain *in contention for the* two available quarter-final places. Kent, with four wins from four games, could miss out if they lose heavily to Glamorgan while Somerset beat Essex at Taunton.

Essex, having suffered a *last-ball,* one-wicket *defeat* against Kent, can proceed only *if they beat Somerset* and Kent win. The match at Taunton brings *together* the top two sides in the county championship.

Lancashire, the holders, have won their past 11 completed Benson and Hedges games. They are already safely into the last eight from group A, along with Warwickshire, the 1994 winners. Their meeting today at Old Trafford only decides which of them will receive a home draw.

The same position applies in group B, where Northamptonshire and *Yorkshire* play off for home advantage in the *quarter-final, but, in group D,* the game between Gloucester*shire and Hampshire,* at Bristol, is effectively a straight *eliminator for the right* to accompany Surrey into the last eight.

Durham have appointed Mike Candlish, a businessman, as their third chief executive in five seasons in first-class cricket. Candlish, 48, follows Mike Gear and Alan Wright, who both parted company with the club half

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley's Challenge Series

Gloucestershire v Indians

BRISTOL (final day of three): Gloucestershire drew with the Indians

INDIANS: First Innings 406 (N S Sidhu 115, R Dravid 86 not out, V Rathore 63, S V Manjrekar 55, M W Alleyne 5 for 81)

Second Innings

V Rathore c Hancock b Sheeraz	1
N S Sidhu c Davis b Lewis	16
S Ganguly not out	64
†R Dravid st Williams b Davis	28
*M Azharuddin c and b Davis	10
S Joshi c Lewis b Alleyne	2
A Kumble c sub b Alleyne	1
J Srinath not out	21
Extras (w 1)	1
Total (6 wkts dec)	144

FALL OF WICKETS 1-2, 2-22, 3-73, 4-87, 5-108, 6-110

BOWLING Lewis 8-4-17-1 Sheeraz 7-1-41-1, Davis 8-0-60-2, Alleyne 7-3-26-2

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 251 for 4 dec (A Symonds 120 not out, D R Hewson 53)

Second Innings

R I Dawson c Dravid b Prasad	3
D R Hewson b Prasad	2
M A Lynch b Srinath	1
T H C Hancock c Prasad b Raju	33
A Symonds lbw b Ganguly	28
*M W Alleyne b Prasad	13
†R C J Williams b Srinath	9
R P Davis c Ganguly b Srinath	16
J Lewis not out	22
K P Sheeraz not out	3
Extras (b 21, lb 1, nb 6)	28
Total (8 wkts)	158

FALL OF WICKETS 1-3, 2-6, 3-6, 4-66, 5-83, 6-109, 7-113, 8-150

BOWLING: Srinath 19-8-27-3 Prasad 17-3-39-3 Ganguly 6-0-37-1, Raju 10-4-10-1 Kumble 10-5-16-0 Joshi 3-1-8-0

Umpires: P Julian and A G T Whitehead

Britannic Assurance county championship

Hampshire v Essex

SOUTHAMPTON (final day of four): Essex (23pts) beat Hampshire (8) by four wickets.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 539 (W K M Benjamin 117, A N Aymes 113, P R Whitaker 55, R A Smith 50, J P Stephenson 50)

Second Innings

*J P Stephenson c Law b Such	36
J S Laney c Robinson b Such	28
R S M Morris c Hussain b Such	11
R A Smith b Grayson	9
G W White lbw b Such	1
P R Whitaker not out	67
†A N Aymes run out	4
W K M Benjamin c and b Such	5
S D Udal c Law b Grayson	16
C A Connor c Irani b Grayson	14
S M Milburn c Gooch b Grayson	22
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 2)	8
Total	221

FALL OF WICKETS 1-62, 2-69, 3-86, 4-88, 5-89, 6-106, 7-113, 8-160, 9-194

BOWLING Ilott 4-0-20-0 Williams 3-0-27-0 Such 32-7-74-5, Irani 3-1-12-0; Grayson 28.3-5-82-4

ESSEX: First Innings 432 (S G Law 143, G A Gooch 130, *W K M Benjamin 4 for 96)*

Second Innings

G A Gooch c Morris b Connor	21
D D J Robinson run out	18
N Hussain c Benjamin b Connor	60
S G Law c Aymes b Milburn	44
R C Irani not out	81
A P Grayson b Connor	8
†R J Rollins not out	25
Extras (lb 5)	5
Total (6 wkts)	331

FALL OF WICKETS 1-33, 2-49, 3-113, 4-168, 5-280, 6-293

BOWLING Benjamin 16-2-63-0, Milburn 15-0-81-2; Connor 16-2-73-3, Udal 14-0-86-0, Whitaker 6-0-23-0

Umpires: A A Jones and D R Shepherd.

Lancashire v Leicestershire

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of four): Lancashire (9pts) drew with Leicestershire (8)

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 495 (W K Hegg 134, M A Atherton 87, G D Lloyd 65, N J Speak 55, A R K Pierson 4 for 100)

Second Innings

J E R Gallian b Brimson	63
M A Atherton b Brimson	29
J P Crawley b Brimson	61
N J Speak not out	17
G D Lloyd not out	12
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 1, nb 4)	9
Total (3 wkts dec)	191

FALL OF WICKETS 1-97, 2-98, 3-177.

BOWLING Mullally 7-2-7-0, Simmons 7-4-8-0, Pierson 20-3-72-0, Wells 4-0-16-0, Brimson 25.2-8-55-3, Maddy 7-2-29-0

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

V J Wells c Hegg b Martin	4
D L Maddy st Hegg b Watkinson	10
B F Smith lbw b Elworthy	81
P V Simmons lbw b Elworthy	25
*J J Whitaker c Hegg b Watkinson	18
A R K Pierson c Hegg b Watkinson	0
A Habib lbw b Watkinson	17
†P A Nixon b Keedy	106
D J Millns b Keedy	73
A D Mullally not out	7
M T Brimson lbw b Elworthy	0
Extras (b 10, lb 6, nb 20)	36
Total	377

Score at 120 overs: 319-7

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-22, 3-64, 4-98, 5-98, 6-142, 7-185, 8-357, 9-374

BOWLING: Martin 28-7-57-1 Austin 22-6-35-0 Watkinson 34-12-71-4 Elworthy 24.4-0-135-3, Keedy 26-10-59-2 Gallian 3-0-6-0

Umpires: H D Bird and R A White

Middlesex v Durham

LORD'S (final day of four): Middlesex (20pts) beat Durham (5) by 306 runs

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 191 (M W Gatting 74, M J Foster 4 for 21)

Second Innings 391 (M W Gatting 171, P N Weekes 73, M M Betts 4 for 101)

DURHAM: First Innings 209 (C W Scott 59)

Second Innings

S L Campbell b Follett	23
*M A Roseberry lbw b Follett	5
S Hutton c Carr b Follett	7
J E Morris c Gatting b Tufnell	3
P D Collingwood lbw b Follett	0
J A Daley c Brown b Follett	3
M J Foster b Follett	3
†C W Scott c Weekes b Follett	9
J Boiling b Fraser	6
S J E Brown not out	0
M M Betts c Brown b Follett	1
Extras (lb 5, nb 2)	7
Total	67

FALL OF WICKETS 1-19, 2-36, 3-41, 4-41, 5-41, 6-46, 7-49, 8-62, 9-66

BOWLING Fraser 10-3-20-1, Fay 8-2-12-0, Follett 13.2-3-22-8, Tufnell 6-1-8-1

Northants v Glamorgan

NORTHAMPTON (final day of four): Glamorgan (22pts) beat Northamptonshire (7) by five wickets

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 451 for 6 dec (R J Warren 201 not out, D J Capel 83, A Fordham 52, R R Montgomerie 51)

Second Innings

R R Montgomerie c Kendrick b Croft	53
A Fordham retired hurt	29
*R J Bailey c Maynard b Kendrick	34
M B Loye c Butcher b Kendrick	28
D J Capel c Butcher b Croft	10
K M Curran not out	5
A L Penberthy st Metson b Croft	5
†D Ripley not out	5
Extras (b 3, lb 6)	9
Total (5 wkts dec)	178

FALL OF WICKETS 1-117, 2-135, 3-153, 4-162, 5-169

BOWLING Watkin 5-2-8-0; Thomas 8-0-34-0; Croft 12.2-52-3, Kendrick 11-0-49-2, Butcher 7-0-26-0

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 351 for 7 dec (G P Butcher 89, S P James 76, M P Maynard 52)

Second Innings

S P James lbw b Curran	9
H Morris b Emburey	38
A Dale c and b Emburey	120
*M P Maynard c Capel b Taylor	27
P A Cottey not out	65
R D B Croft b Taylor	0
G P Butcher not out	8
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 1, nb 6)	12
Total (5 wkts)	279

FALL OF WICKETS 1-21, 2-91, 3-139, 4-256, 5-263

BOWLING Taylor 16-3-45-2 Curran 10-1-39-1, Emburey 19.5-2-85-2, Capel 5-0-40-0, Bailey 4-0-15-0; Penberthy 9-0-50-0

Umpires: G I Burgess and M J Kitchen

Surrey v Kent

THE OVAL (final day of four): Surrey (11pts) drew with Kent (8)

KENT: First Innings 225 (M A Ealham 51)

Second Innings

D P Fulton c Kersey b Julian	59
M V Fleming c Julian b Lewis	56
T R Ward c Lewis b M P Bicknell	14
C L Hooper c Thorpe b Pearson	23
G R Cowdrey lbw b M P Bicknell	41
M A Ealham c Stewart b Pearson	0
*†S A Marsh lbw b Lewis	26
J B D Thompson c Kersey b M P Bicknell	8
M J McCague not out	63
M M Patel c Kersey b Lewis	26
T N Wren c Brown b Pearson	6
Extras (b 5, lb 12, w 6, nb 16)	39
Total	361

FALL OF WICKETS 1-93, 2-115, 3-161, 4-161, 5-161, 6-230, 7-242, 8-261, 9-350

BOWLING M P Bicknell 35-12-79-3 Lewis 27-3-81-3, Julian 22-6-62-1, Hollioake 6-1-18-0 Pearson 32.1-8-84-3

SURREY: First Innings 360 (M A Butcher 94, B P Julian 74, C C Lewis 61, J B D Thompson 5 for 72)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell lbw b McCague	3
A D Brown c Ealham b McCague	2
*A J Stewart c Hooper b McCague	22
G P Thorpe b McCague	0
A J Hollioake b Hooper	42
C C Lewis b Patel	10
M A Butcher not out	35
B P Julian not out	41
Extras (b 3, lb 2)	5
Total (6 wkts)	160

FALL OF WICKETS 1-3, 2-12, 3-16, 4-53, 5-91, 6-81

BOWLING McCague 10-2-33-4, Thompson 6-1-18-0, Ealham 5-0-23-0, Patel 15-5-36-1 Hooper 15-3-45-1

Sussex v Warwickshire

HOVE (final day of four): Warwickshire (24pts) beat Sussex (2) by an innings and 139 runs

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 645 for 7 dec (D A Reeve 168 not out, T L Penney 134, N V Knight 132, D P Ostler 90)

SUSSEX: First Innings 222 (D R C Law 53, G Welch 4 for 50)

Second Innings

C W J Athey c Piper b Brown	14
J W Hall b Pollock	57
M P Speight lbw b Giles	13
*A P Wells lbw b Giles	51
N J Lenham c and b Giles	13
D R C Law c Khan b Brown	19
†P Moores c Reeve b Pollock	13
V C Drakes c Knight b Smith	41
N C Phillips not out	29
P W Jarvis st Piper b Smith	22
E S H Giddins st Piper b Smith	0
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 6)	12
Total	284

FALL OF WICKETS 1-41, 2-68, 3-93, 4-152, 5-167, 6-181, 7-206, 8-247, 9-280

BOWLING Pollock 26-4-76-2, Reeve 4-2-8-0, Brown 17-5-46-2, Welch 6-2-23-0, Giles 39-14-86-3, Smith 8.1-1-39-3

Umpires: J W Holder and V A Holder

Yorkshire v Derbyshire

SHEFFIELD (final day of four): Yorkshire (8pts) drew with Derbyshire (10)

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 561 (M G Bevan 136, A McGrath 91, D Byas 79, C White 61, M D Moxon 59, D E Malcolm 4 for 109)

Second Innings

M D Moxon not out	74
M P Vaughan b Malcolm	0
*D Byas lbw b Malcolm	0
M G Bevan c Krikken b Aldred	26
A McGrath not out	30
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 2)	8
Total (3 wkts dec)	138

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-5, 3-85

BOWLING Malcolm 9-0-30-2 Aldred 13-3-50-1 Wells 7-2-24-0 Vandrau 9-2-29-0

DERBYSHIRE: *First Innings*

K J Barnett c Moxon b Silverwood	11
A S Rollins c Byas b Silverwood	20
C J Adams c Bevan b Gough	37
*D M Jones not out	214
J E Owen b White	101
C M Wells not out	12
Extras (lb 5, nb 12)	17
Total (4 wkts dec, 100.1 overs)	412

†K M Krikken, D G Cork, M J Vandrau, P Aldred and D E Malcolm did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-25, 2-38, 3-108, 4-396

BOWLING Gough 23-2-82-1 Hartley 17-3-78-0, Silverwood 25.1-5-99-2 Stemp 15-2-50-0, White 13-2-60-1 Vaughan 7-1-32-0

Second Innings

K J Barnett c Vaughan b Stemp	51
A S Rollins run out	36
†K M Krikken run out	47
C J Adams c Silverwood b Gough	66
*D M Jones c Blakey b White	10
C M Wells not out	19
J E Owen c Moxon b White	6
D G Cork b White	0
M J Vandrau lbw b White	0
P Aldred not out	5
Extras (b 2, lb 6)	8
Total (8 wkts)	248

FALL OF WICKETS 1-69, 2-94, 3-201, 4-201, 5-220, 6-234, 7-234, 8-234

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Tax plans threaten overseas owners

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE spectre emerged yesterday of the Maktoums and other leading overseas owners pulling out of British racing or dramatically reducing their involvement because of the tax policy of a future Labour government. The Maktoum family alone could face a tax bill of up to £100 million a year under Tony Blair, it was claimed.

Jim Furlong, a former stockbroker turned City headhunter who is standing for election to the Racehorse Owners' Association (ROA) council, believes a "conspiracy of silence" has surrounded the potential effects of Labour tax policy on foreign-based owners — and he wants British racing to debate and prepare for the potentially disastrous consequences.

Of the top 15 owners last year, only three — Lord Weinstock, Mollers Racing and Cheveley Park Stud — were British residents for tax purposes and Furlong estimates that 60 per cent by value of the 6,000 Flat horses in training are owned by non-residents.

Furlong: warning

Although Labour has been deliberately non-committal about domestic tax rates, "Tackling Tax Abuses", a party document published in November 1994, dealt specifically with offshore loopholes and stated how it was easy in Britain for some people to pay little or no tax by claiming to be non-resident or non-domiciled.

In a Sunday newspaper article nine days ago, Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, wrote: "Millionaires who avoid all their bills and pay no tax will have to pay their fair share under Labour. I will make sure we close the tax loopholes which they exploit to avoid paying their fair share for the good of Britain."

Furlong, 41, said: "The question the racing industry must address is what happens when a Labour government changes the rules and foreigners are taxed on that part of their worldwide income that they remit to the UK to pay their UK expenses, including training fees.

"The Labour party will act to tackle non-residence status and a key area of focus in their November 1994 policy statement was the issue of the non-domiciled who are able to live in the UK free of tax."

Apart from the Maktoums, owners who could be affected are Khaled Abdulla, Fahd Salman, Wafic Said, George Strawbridge, Peter Savill and Robert Sangster.

Furlong, who owns Wroughton House Stables in Newmarket, from where Jeff Pearce trains, said British racing had benefited from the generosity of the Maktoums and other Middle East owners for more than a decade. "What has happened is that the whole industry has based its strategy on the continuation of such overseas subsidy and the result is that British racing has not been very forward thinking.

"Contrast that with the Maktoums, who have established Godolphin and a worldwide racing effort and are now beginning to lift their eyes from the micro to the macro. They are positioned for a phased withdrawal if the need arises. They have trainers in the United States, France and Ireland as well as Godolphin, and they possess a tremendous degree of flexibility."

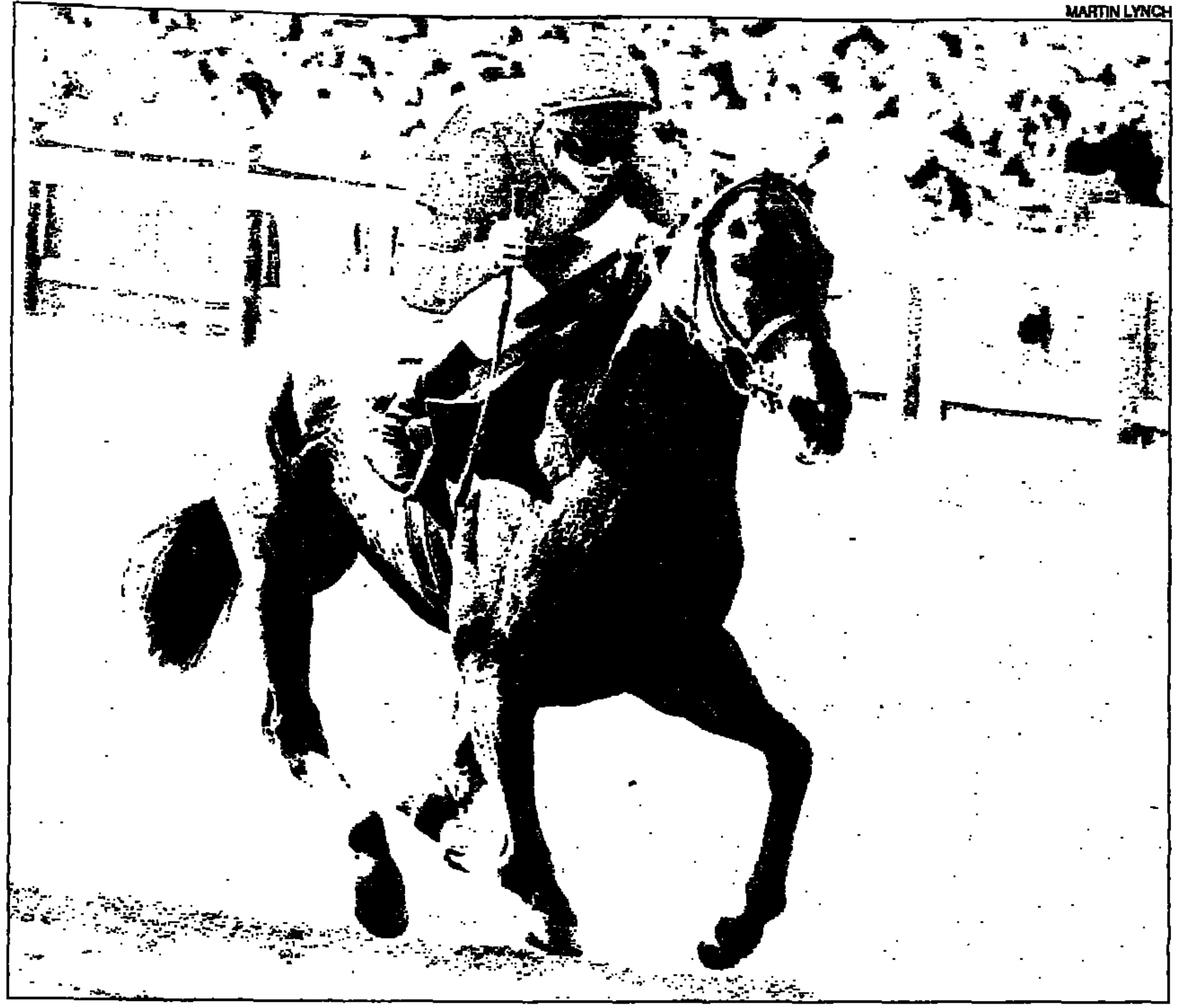
He recalled how the Maktoums boycotted the important Houghton sale in protest at VAT — when prices at the top end fell by 40 per cent as a result — and commented "paying tax does not sit well with people from the Middle East."

Trying to estimate the potential tax bill facing big overseas owners is not easy, but with the Maktoums on record as having 800 horses in training in Britain, around 600 at stud and 16 stud farms, not to mention various residences and the *Racing Post*, Furlong says the level of expense is considerable.

"You have to put it at around £200 million gross. At present tax rates that would mean a tax bill of £80 million and under Labour that could reach £100 million," he said.

If the Maktoums withdrew, the effect would be devastating. "You would have a massive shock to the existing economic structure of racing and it would probably take a decade to recover. We have to start thinking ahead and planning now. We will have to be less dependent on foreign owners in the future. I cannot believe there are so many intelligent people in racing who have not addressed this issue."

Unless the Government consented to losses on training expenses being tax deductable, Furlong believes a major restructure of racing's finances will be inevitable — involving the levy, sponsorship, television rights, racecourse contributions and stopping betting duty cuts going to bookmakers.



MARTIN LYNCH

Double Blue tackles the Paul Caddick and Macgay Sprint Trophy Rated Handicap at York this afternoon

Stylish Ways appeals in sprint

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2.35: Dombey, a progressive individual, can follow up his Kempton gains. On that occasion, Pat Eddery rode an aggressive race to secure a prominent position in a big field and the colt responded by drawing away from some uninspiring rivals. This long straight looks made to measure. Humourless dismantled what should have been a well-matched field at Pontefract last time. He looks a bigger danger than the stablemates Double Diamond and Pleasant Surprise. The last named finished well when unsuited to the tight Chester circuit but drops back in distance. Villeggiatura disappointed on his reappearance while Mancini is unproven at this trip.

3.05: Madly Sharp seems best at this time of year and triumphed on his reappearance at Newmarket, where he travelled strongly throughout. However, this course and distance winner has more to do from 7lb higher in the handicap. Master Planner goes well fresh and has slipped to an attractive mark. He is best on a fast surface and will make his presence felt. In an open sprint, **Stylish Ways** makes plenty of appeal at a big price. He won first time out last season and was subsequently highly tried. He has since joined Sally Hall's stable and the move may have pepped him up.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Javannpee's recent Newmarket victory was his first for 21 months but this enigmatic performer looks harshly treated from a 6lb higher mark today. A similar remark applies to Top Banana, who has been heavily punished for finishing second to the in-form Anzio at Newbury.

3.40: Although Magnificient Style finished ahead of **Ruznama** when the pair filled the places behind Pricket, Barry Hills's representative can turn the tables. Magnificient Style is inclined to pull hard and this small field will not help her cause. She also looked uneasy on fast ground at Newmarket.

Ruznama, who looked sure to progress from her reappearance, broke the course record when beating the subsequent French classic winner, Ta Rib, on fast ground last season. She proved superior to Obsessive in September and can emulate her dam, Last Feather, triumphant in this event 14 years ago. Sea Spray had Sil Sila well behind when winning at Kempton last month. The latter improved when a distant third behind Bosra Sham but Sea Spray should confirm her superiority. Overnight rain would help her.

4.10: Tykeyvor looks the safest choice in this tricky heat. The six-year-old, fairly treated on his best form, should strip much fitter for a recent outing. Remaadi Sun deserved his most recent victory but, like Lord Hastie, will find this much tougher. Polydamus, Progression and Domappel appear in the handicapper's grip but Prize Pupil has claims after a promising reappearance. Conversely, Casual Water is not harshly treated but lacks the benefit of a recent run. Although Advance East is hard to evaluate, he is probably capable of better.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DOMBEY
(2.35 York)
Next best: Sketch Pad
(2.00 York)

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THUNDERER
2.00 Royal Orchid
2.35 Humourless
3.05 Master Planner
3.40 Sea Spray
4.10 Prize Pupil
4.40 Athenry

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 **HUMOURLESS** (nap). 3.40 Magnificient Style. 4.10 Polydamas.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

123 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND TRANSPENNINE EXPRESS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,796: 5f) (6 runners)

101	(2)	6	AMY 7 (A Needham) C Smith 8-11	N Carlisle	–
102	(1)		BRIDE'S REPRISAL (Mrs J Keegan) M Channon 8-11	R Hughes	–
103	(4)		DANCE PARADE (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-11	M J Kinane	–
104	(6)		ROYAL ORCHID (Mahmood Al-Shuaibi) R Hannon 8-11	J Reid	–
105	(3)		*SKETCH PAD (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-11*	*K Fallon*	–
106	(5)	25	TOP OF THE WIND 8 (J McGrath) J J O'Neill 8-11	W Carson	▣

BETTING: 9-4 Dance Parade, 5-2 Sketch Pad, 4-1 Bride's Reprisal, Royal Orchid, 8-1 Top Of The Wind, 25-1 Amy

1995: TROPICAL DANCE 8-11 J Reid (4-1 jt-fav) Mrs J Cecil 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRIDE'S REPRISAL (foaled May 5) Half-sister by Reprimand to last season's useful 5f-7f winning juvenile Cabcharge Striker, dam dual 6f juvenile winner. DANCE PARADE (Mar 8) Half-sister by Gone West to useful 1m/1m 2f handicapper Western General; dam 1m 1f juvenile winner. ROYAL ORCHID (Apr 19, cost 32,000gns) Second foal, by Shalford, dam maiden half-sister to useful sprinter Misterlopogigo. SKETCH PAD (Jan 26) First foal, by Warning; dam fairly useful dual 1m 2f winner at three years. TOP OF THE WIND about 6l 5th of 8 to Ice Age in maiden at Doncaster (5f, good to firm)
No selection

2.35 SHEPHERD TROPHY RATED HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £12,885: 1m 2f 85yd) (7 runners) C4

201	(6)	165-421	DOUBLE DIAMOND 9 (G,S) (2nd Middleham Partnership) M Johnston 9-7	J Reid	97
202	(7)	064-1	HUMOURLESS 21 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-4	M J Kinane	92
203	(2)	62210-2	PLEASANT SURPRISE 6 (F) (Abdullah Ali) M Johnston 9-3	K Darley	▣
204	(5)	44-11	DOMBEY 38 (G) (Lady Rothschild) R Charlton 9-2	T Sprake	96
205	(1)	421-	MANCINI 286 (F) (Mrs A Yearley) M Bell 9-2	M Fenton	88
206	(4)	2014-0	VILLEGGIATURA 9 (F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) B Hills 9-0	R Hills	89
207	(3)	204-436	WARNING REEF 8 (P Sheehan) M Channon 8-12	R Hughes	90

BETTING: 5-2 Dombey, 3-1 Humourless, 4-1 Double Diamond, 6-1 Pleasant Surprise, 8-1 Mancini, 12-1 Villeggiatura, 14-1 Warning Reef

1995: DAHIK 9-7 W Carson (6-1) W Hern 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE DIAMOND beat Shturm ½l in 14-runner Swiss 2000 Guineas at Dielsdorf (1m, soft). *HUMOURLESS beat Noble Sprinter 5l in 7-runner* rated stakes at Pontefract (1m 2f, good). PLEASANT SURPRISE neck and ½l 3rd (later promoted to 2nd) of 13 to Montecristo (later placed last) in handicap at Chester (1m 4f 66yd, good). DOMBEY completed double, beat Bellator 2l in 15-runner handicap at Kempton (1m 1f, good). MANCINI beat Hall An Inch 3l in 6-runner maiden auction at Brighton (7f, firm). *VILLEGGIATURA best effort last* season, beat Prize Giving ¾l in 10-runner maiden at Salisbury (7f, firm). WARNING REEF 3l 3rd of 14 to Sorbie Tower in handicap at Sandown (1m, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: DOUBLE DIAMOND

3.05 PAUL CADDICK AND MACGAY SPRINT TROPHY RATED HANDICAP (£11,274: 6f) (9 runners) C4

301	*(1)*	*0042-60*	*HELLO MISTER 9 (D,F,G,S) (B Molen) T Powell 5-9-7*	*P McCabe (3)*	*90*
302	(9)	1000-40	DOUBLE BLUE 9 (D,F,G,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston 7-9-6	J Reid	96
303	(8)	01040-1	MADLY SHARP 8 (D,F,G) (Lord Swaythling) J Watts 5-9-2	M J Kinane	95
304	(4)	3/13350-	STYLISH WAYS 213 (D,G,S) (Ian Hall Racing) Miss S Hall 4-9-2	N Connorton	89
305	(7)	00445-2	EVERGLADES 12 (CD,F,G) (Mrs S Luesler) R Charlton 8-9-1	S Sanders	95
306	(2)	4000-01	JAYANNPEE 10 (D,F,G) (J Paniccia) I Balding 5-9-1	Martin Dwyer (7)	▣
307	(6)	10063-6	ASTRAC 27 (CD,F,G,S) (C Titcomb) R Akehurst 5-9-0	T Ashley (7)	90
308	(5)	054000-	MASTER PLANNER 258 (CD,F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 7-8-11	K Fallon	97
309	(3)	11230-2	TOP BANANA 35 (D,F,G) (Major M Wyatt) H Candy 5-8-10	C Rutter	96

BETTING: 11-4 Top Banana, 9-2 Madly Sharp, 5-1 Everglades, 6-1 Astrac, 7-1 Jayannpee, 8-1 Double Blue, Master Planner, 20-1 Hello Mister, Stylish Ways

1995: VENTURE CAPITALIST 6-9-3 Alex Greaves (15-2) D Nicholls 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

MADLY SHARP beat Venture Capitalist head in 11-runner handicap at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) with *DOUBLE BLUE* (5lb better off) 6l 7th and HELLO MISTER (4lb better off) 11l 11th. STYLISH WAYS best effort last season, 5½l 3rd of 8 to Pipe Major in group III Van Geest Criterion Stakes at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). EVERGLADES 1¼l 2nd of 9 to Ittamal in conditions race at Salisbury (6f, good to firm). JAYANNPEE beat Sir Joey neck in 24-runner handicap at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). *ASTRAC* about 7l 6th of 14 to Taraca in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). TOP BANANA ¾l 2nd of 13 to Anzio in handicap at Newbury (5f, good to soft) with JAYANNPEE (11lb better off) 6¾l 8th.
Selection: TOP BANANA (nap)

3.40 TATTERSALLS MUSIDORA STAKES (Group III: 3-Y-O fillies: £25,304: 1m 2f) (5 runners) C4

401	(3)	13	*MAGNIFICENT STYLE 9 (D,G) (Buckram Oak Holdings) H Cecil 8-8*	*M J Kinane*	95
402	(4)	212-4	OBSESSIVE 9 (G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-8	T Quinn	92
403	(5)	0131-4	RUZNAMA 9 (F,G) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) B Hills 8-8	W Carson	97
404	(1)	10-1	SEA SPRAY 38 (G) (Lord Weinstock & S Weinstock) P Chapple-Hyam 8-8	J Reid	97
405	(2)	11-03	SIL SILA 25 (S) (L Alvarez Cervera) B Smart 8-8	R Cochrane	▣

BETTING: 2-1 Magnificent Style, 3-1 Ruznama, Sea Spray, 4-1 Obsessive, 8-1 Sil Sila

1995: PURE GRAIN 8-10 J Reid (Evens fav) M Stoute 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAGNIFICENT STYLE 5½l 3rd of 7 to Pricket in listed race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm) with RUZNAMA (5lb better off) 1¾l 4th. OBSESSIVE 4¾l 4th of 8 to Projection in conditions race at Newmarket (7f, good to firm).
RUZNAMA beat OBSESSIVE 2½l in 6-runner listed race at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start, Sep 95. SEA SPRAY beat Parrot Jungle neck in 13-runner listed race at Kempton (1m, good) with SIL SILA (3lb better off) 5½l 7th. SIL SILA 8l 3rd of 9 to Bosra Sham in group III Dubai Duty Free Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to soft).
Selection: SEA SPRAY

4.10 YORKSHIRE LIFE MAGAZINE HANDICAP (£7,570: 1m 3f 195yd) (11 runners) C4

501	*(5)*	*541111-*	*INVEST WISELY 243 (F,G) (J Smith) J Eustace 4-9-11*	*R Cochrane*	*90*
502	(2)	20210-4	POLYDAMAS 10 (F) (A Christodoulou) M Stoute 4-9-7	J Reid	93
503	(6)	824315	PROGRESSION 9 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) (A Gome) C Murray 5-9-5	D McKeown	93
504	(3)	31005-6	TYKEYVOR 21 (F,G) (Seymour Bloodstock (UK) Ltd) Lady Herries 6-9-1	K Darley	92
505	(11)	112213-	CASUAL WATER 208 (D,F,G) (G Leatham) A Newcombe 5-8-13	M Henry (5)	90
506	(9)	130-526	DOMAPPEL 8 (G,S) (M Banks) Mrs J Cecil 4-8-11	B Thomson	97
507	*(8)*	*51300-3*	*PRIZE PUPIL 14 (F) (Shunya Seki) C Wall 4-8-11*	*G Duffield*	*93*
508	(1)	30-0361	REMAADI SUN 15 (F) (T Barker) M Usher 4-8-10	R Street	98
509	(10)	164-512	LORD HASTIE 12 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs J Bendall) C Thornton 8-8-5	T Quinn	▣
510	(4)	220-040	ADVANCE EAST 14 (P Locke) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-0	N Kennedy	93
511	(7)	014500-	ELPIDA 187 (G) (A Thompson) J Pearce 4-7-12	F Norton	90

BETTING: 5-1 Advance East, 11-2 Polydamas, 6-1 Casual Water, Domappel, Progression, 7-1 Prize Pupil, 8-1 Tykeyvor, 10-1 Lord Hastie, Remaadi Sun, 12-1 Invest Wisely, 33-1 Elpida

1995: ARCTIC THUNDER 4-10-0 K Darley (9-2) Lady Herries 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

INVEST WISELY completed four-timer, beat Upper Mount Clair 1l in handicap at Yarmouth (2m 2f, good). POLYDAMAS 7½l 4th of 13 to Bali Gown in handicap at Newmarket (1m 3f, good to firm). PROGRESSION beat Speed To Lead 2l in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. CASUAL WATER neck and short-head 3rd of 19 to Blushing Flame in handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm) with TYKEVOR (4lb better off) 2¼l 5th and LORD HASTIE (4lb worse off) short-head 6th. DOMAPPEL ½l 2nd of 11 to Tessajoe in rated stakes at Thirsk (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. PRIZE PUPIL 1½l and neck 3rd of 13 to Kings Assembly in handicap at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: PRIZE PUPIL

4.40 YORK RACEDAY RADIO CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £6,207: 1m 5f 194yd) (5 runners)

601	(2)	12	LALLANS 10 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Johnston 9-0	J Reid	94
602	(3)	1	SUMMER SPELL 53 (S) (E & W Robins) R Charlton 9-0	S Sanders	▣
603	(5)	55-1	ATHENRY 36 (G) (A Thompson) J Pearce 8-11	N Day	93
604	(1)	0-60534	RIVERCARE 8 (Major P Stoner) M Polglase 8-11	N Carlisle	67
605	(4)	600320	DOWN THE YARD 3 (F) (G Whiting) M Chapman 8-6	P McCabe (3)	61

BETTING: Evens Lallans, 7-4 Summer Spell, 7-2 Athenry, 16-1 Rivercare, 33-1 Down The Yard

1995: STELVIO 8-13 M J Kinane (13-8 fav) H Cecil 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

LALLANS 2l 2nd of 3 to Dushyantor in conditions race at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). SUMMER SPELL beat Anthem 8l in maiden at Doncaster (1m 2f 110yd, good to soft). ATHENRY beat Disallowed 10l in auction maiden at Newcastle (1m 4f 93yd, good). RIVERCARE 1l 4th to Influence Pedler in handicap at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good to firm).
Selection: LALLANS

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TRAINERS: R Charlton, 11 winners from 36 runners, 30.6%; H Cecil, 24 from 90, 26.7%; P Chapple-Hyam, 11 from 49, 22.4%; Lady Herries, 6 from 27, 22.2%; P Cole, 14 from 74, 18.9%; M Stoute, 21 from 115, 18.3%.

JOCKEYS: W Carson, 30 winners from 196 rides; M J Kinane, 8 from 56, 14.3%; G Duffield, 7 from 50, 14.0%; J Reid, 18 from 137, 13.1%; T Quinn, 11 from 104, 10.6%. Only qualifiers

BIG-RACE ACCEPTORS: JUDDMONTE LOCKINGE STAKES (Group I: £72,841: 1m) (10 acceptors)
Autumn Affair (trained by C Brittain), Brief Glimpse (D Chappell), Charnwood Forest (S bin Suroor), Gabr (R Armstrong), Nwaamis (J Dunlop), Prince Arthur (P Chapple-Hyam), Smart Alec (L Cumani), *Soviet Line (M Stoute)*, Spectrum (P Chapple-Hyam), Timarida (J Oxx). To be run at Newbury on Saturday.

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER
1.45 Out Ranking. 2.15 Tearful Prince. 2.50 **SECRET FOUR** (nap). 3.20 Supposin. 3.55 George Lane. 4.25 The Jogger. 4.55 Tungsten.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
2.15 **TEARFUL PRINCE.**

Carl Evans: 4.25 The Jogger.

GOING: FIRM SIS

1.45 STATUS NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,157: 2m 110yd) (4 runners)

1	PPF0	DAMAS 11 (S) M Pipe 5-11-9	D Burrows (7)	91
2	UP2U	PALACE PARADE 6 G Ham 6-11-5	S Burrough	66
3	0S04	SWEET TRENTINO 10 M Tate 5-11-4	R Johnson	86
4	3112	OUT RANKING 8 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 4-11-0	D Bridgwater	▣

1-2 Out Ranking, 9-2 Sweet Trentino, 6-1 Damas, 10-1 Palace Parade.

2.15 ERNST & YOUNG NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,894: 3m) (8)

1	1453	CELTIC SILVER 14 (F,B) Mrs S Smith 8-11-10	R Guest	80
2	F341	CRACKING IDEA 6 (B,C,F) J Edwards 8-11-5 (7ex)	R Johnson	80
3	*4033*	*SEA PATROL 7 (V,F) M Pipe 9-10-11*	*D Bridgwater*	*84*
4	P564	TRUST DEED 7 (B,F,G) S Knight 8-10-9	G Upton	80
5	62U4	*TEARFUL PRINCE 7* C Mitchell 12-10-0	S McNeill	▣
6	P306	DAVES DELIGHT 11 (S) R Buckler 10-10-0	B Powell	80
7	04PP	COTSWOLD CASTLE 7 S Earle 10-10-0	C Maude	90
8	PP4P	NEAT AND TIDY 14 C Popham 11-10-0	T Dascombe (3)	80

5-2 Sea Patrol, 4-1 Cracking Idea, Tearful Prince, 5-1 Celtic Silver, 7-1 others

2.50 MAY HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,625: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1	03P0	RUNAWAY PETE 41 (D,F,G) M Pipe 6-11-10	D Bridgwater	98
2	440U	NADJATI 8 (B,F) D Gandolfo 7-11-5	R Dunwoody	90
3	P055	KEEP ME IN MIND 10 (CD,F,S) N Mitchell 7-11-5	D Skyrme	▣
4	31PP	SECRET FOUR 89 (CD,F) Mrs S Williams 10-11-3	A P McCoy	98

7-4 Runaway Pete, 5-2 Secret Four, 3-1 Keep Me In Mind, 4-1 Nadjati

3.20 STATUS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,553: 2m 3f 110yd) (4)

1	233P	MUGONI BEACH 11 (F,G,S) M Pipe 11-12-0	D Bridgwater	97
2	-10U	ARMALA 13 (F,G,S) J Gifford 11-10-3	L Aspell (5)	▣
3	P110	SUPPOSIN 17 (BF,F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 8-10-0	R Guest	90
4	3462	RATHER SHARP 7 (C,F,S) C Popham 10-10-0	T Dascombe (3)	78

11-10 Mugoni Beach, 2-1 Armala, 5-1 Supposin, 8-1 Rather Sharp

3.55 BARGAIN-BUY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,108: 2m 110yd) (10)

1	0552	THE BLACK MONK 6 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 8-11-10	*D Bridgwater*	98
2	03P5	BISHOPS CASTLE 10 (G) R Frost 8-11-1	J Frost	90
3	4361	GEORGE LANE 10 (F) F Jordan 8-10-11	J Lodder	90
4	3000	CATWALKER 64 H Webb 5-10-6	M Bosley	▣
5	PFPP	STRIDING EDGE 11 (B,D,F,G) T Hind 11-10-0	D O'Sullivan	–
6	42P0	GILBERT 134 (F) D Carey 8-10-0	B Powell	–
7	*-P50*	*CHEVELEY DANCER 22F (D,S) T Naughton 8-10-0*	*A P McCoy*	*90*
8	P000	SIZZONNIE 18 J Bradley 6-10-0	B Fenton (3)	–
9	60P0	FLY IN AMBER 164 D ffrench Davis 5-10-0	S McNeill	–
10	P0PP	GABISH 11 (D,F,G) B Scriven 11-10-0	Mr R Thornton (7)	–

7-4 George Lane, 5-2 The Black Monk, 6-1 Bishops Castle, 8-1 Cheveley Dancer, 10-1 Catwalker, 12-1 Gilbert, 16-1 others

4.25 JORROCKS NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,272: 3m) (6)

1	*1121*	*THE JOGGER 7 (F,G) C Tizzard 11-12-5*	*J Tizzard (7)*	▣
2	0222	ANTARCTIC CALL 17P (S) M Lewis 9-12-0	C Richards (7)	–
3	P512	CLOBRACKEN LAD 13 (F,G) Miss L Blackford 8-12-0	G Baines (7)	97
4	11P1	GEE DOUBLE YOU 17P (F,G,S) J Tulloch 10-12-0	B Tulloch (7)	–
5	3143	HIGHWAY JIM 8P (F,G) P King 11-12-0	P King (7)	–
6	0324	PAPER DAYS 13 (G) Mrs J Bush 8-12-0	S Bush (5)	84

7-4 The Jogger, 5-2 Gee Double You, 4-1 Clobracken Lad, 8-1 Paper Days, 10-1 Antarctic Call, 12-1 Highway Jim

4.55 BALTYBOYS INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,641: 2m 110yd) (9)

1	052	DINGLE WOOD 29 S Griffiths 6-11-0	R Johnson	–
2		FOOLS NOOK C Popham 5-11-0	T Dascombe (3)	–
3		ISLAND CUB Miss A Broyd 5-11-0	R Davis	–
4		LOUIS RENEE W McKenzie-Coles 5-11-0	Sophie Mitchell (5)	–
5	D	TUNGSTEN 41 N Henderson 5-11-0	J R Kavanagh	–
6	000	GYPSY BLUES 41 Mrs J Wilkinson 6-10-9	Mrs J Wilkinson	–
7	00	RED VIPER 11 N Lampard 4-10-9	A P McCoy	–
8	05	ROCK ON HONEY 31 Miss G Kelleway 4-10-9	D O'Sullivan	–
9		TINGRITH LAD J Bennett 4-10-9	L Harvey	–

7-4 Tungsten, 3-1 Dingle Wood, 7-2 Rock On Honey, 6-1 Fools Nook, 10-1 Tingrith Lad, 16-1 Red Viper, 20-1 Gypsy Blues, 25-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Griffiths, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; M Pipe, 61 from 223, 27.4%; J Edwards, 7 from 28, 25.0%; N Henderson, 7 from 45, 15.6%; R Buckler, 4 from 26, 15.4%; J Gifford, 8 from 78, 10.3%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 32 winners from 124 rides, 25.8%; A P McCoy, 12 from 49, 24.5%; D O'Sullivan, 3 from 15, 20.0%; D Bridgwater, 14 from 72, 19.4%; R Guest, 5 from 35, 14.3%; J R Kavanagh, 4 from 28, 14.3%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: There are no horses blinkered for the first time today.

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright
suggests the best value in the ante-post market

VODAFONE OAKS
Epsom, June 7

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Pricket	11-8	6-4	6-4	13-8
Bint Salsabil	8-1	8-1	8-1	10-1
Lady Carla	10-1	8-1	7-1	8-1
Luna Wells	12-1	14-1	14-1	14-1
Quota	12-1	10-1	10-1	12-1
Honest Guest	14-1	10-1	14-1	16-1
Magnificient Style	14-1	16-1	14-1	20-1
Camporese	20-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Story Line	20-1	25-1	33-1	33-1
Ruznama	25-1	33-1	20-1	20-1
Solar Crystal	25-1	20-1	20-1	25-1
Wild Rumour	25-1	40-1	33-1	40-1

A glance at the betting for the Vodafone Oaks would suggest that Pricket has only to turn up at Epsom on June 7 to add to the Godolphin team's string of classic victories. However, while she has done nothing wrong in winning her only two races, it is easy to pick holes in the form and she is unlikely to start any shorter than the 13-8 now on offer.

Bint Salsabil remains second *favourite in some lists because* of her excellent pedigree, but after her poor run in the Guineas she has surely been exposed and, in any case, looks as though she may not stay the Oaks trip.

Luna Wells won the group three Prix Vanteaux at Longchamp last month on her first outing since being switched to Andre Fabre, and is likely to run again in the Prix Saint-Alary on Sunday. She would be a threat if making the journey from France, but is far from certain to do so.

The Henry Cecil-trained Quota puts her reputation on the line in a listed race at Newbury on Friday. She will improve on her debut success at Sandown, but home reports suggest that Cecil has a better Oaks chance with Lady Carla. *After losing Pricket to the Godolphin team at the end of last* year, Cecil will be keener than ever to win the fillies' classic, and with Lady Carla he has every chance of doing so. She coped well enough with the Epsom-like bend in the Lingfield Oaks Trial on Saturday, winning in fine style, and is sure to improve for the experience. At 10-1 with Coral, **LADY CARLA** looks sure to give her supporters a good run at Epsom.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Redcar

Going: good to firm

2.15 (5f) 1. HULA PRINCE (M Hills, 4-1 jt-fav). 2. The Lambton Worm (K Fallon, 6-1). 3. Dive Master (B Doyle, 9-1) ALSO RAN: *4-1 jt-fav Lucky Oakwood (4th). Mill* End Boy, 9-2 Nitty Norman, 10 Riva La Belle, 20 Docklands Carriage (6th), 25 Cala-Holme, Fine Times (5th) 33 Father Eddie, Pension Fund, 50 Super Sheriff, Thewrightone 14 ran. 1½l, 1½l, hd, hd, hd M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £5.70; £2.00, £2.60, £2.90 DF £46.10. Trio: £183.60 (part won, pool of £129.34 carried forward to 4.10 at York today) CSF: £29.77.

2.45 (6f) 1. PANTHER (K Fallon, 6-1). 2. Komlucky (T Williams, 25-1). 3. No Monkey Nuts (J Carroll, 11-8 fav) ALSO RAN, 11-2 Naughty Pistol, 6 Sea-Deer (4th), 7 Gone To Heaven, 8 Sense Of *Priority, 25 Prime Property, 50 Napoleon's* Return, Rankaidade, Redbrook Lady, Steel Sovereign, Thornoun Jewel (5th), 100 Monkey Face (6th) 14 ran. ¾l, 3l, 1¼l, 1½l, 3l J Hetherton at Malton. Tote: £9.00; £2.10, £2.90, £1.10. DF £58.70 Trio £33.20. CSF: £132.56

3.15 (1m) 1. SPANISH STEPS (Jo Hunnam, 8-1); 2. Pc's Cruiser (Aimee Cook, 11-2); 3. Four Of Spades (Amanda Sanders, 13-2) ALSO RAN 5-2 fav *Parliament Piece (4th), 6 Bentico*, Carlton Express (5th), Thaleros (6th), 10 Sell Expression, 16 Dance Of Joy, Roar On Tour, 20 Langtonian, 33 Bardia, 50 Ruby Plus 13 ran 1¾l, 1½l, nk, 2½l, 1¾l M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton Tote: £13.50 £3.50, £2.10, £1.60 DF £54.30 Trio £125.80 CSF £53.22 Tricast £292.02

3.45 (1m 2f) 1. HAWKSLEY HILL (K Fallon, 3-1 fav); 2. Ordained (J Fanning, 33-1). 3. Alpine Panther (K Darley, 100-30) 4. Blenheim Terrace (A Culhane, 66-1) ALSO RAN: 9-2 Forest Fantasy (6th), 9 Safecracker, 12 Crystal Warrior, 14 Lucky Bea (5th), Shermood, 16 Phantom Haze, Recall To Mind, The Jolly Barmaid, 20 Enterby Park, 25 Six Clerks, 50 Dispol Conqueror 66 Ginger Hodgers, Northern Falcon 17 ran. ½l, 2½l, ¾l, 1½l, ½l Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £5.00; £1.30, £9.40, £1.10, £8.10 DF: £230.30. Trio: *£324.50 CSF £93.83 Tricast £339.47.*

4.15 (1m 2f) 1. CLASSIC FIND (A Mackay, 10-1). 2. Get Away With It (K Fallon, 2-1 jt-fav); 3. Lord Of The Manor (M Hills, 12-1). ALSO RAN 2-1 jt-fav Mohannad, 7-2 Vindis (5th), 6 Ambassador (4th), 50 Clash Of Swords 250 Respecting 8 ran. ¾l, 3½l, ¾l, nk. S Williams at Newmarket Tote: £14.00, £2.80, £1.00, £3.70 DF: £34.90 CSF: £31.09

4.45 (2m 4yd) 1. ARIAN SPIRIT (R Lappin, 5-1). 2. Satin Lover (K Darley, 4-1) 3. Mondragon (A Culhane, 9-1). ALSO RAN 2-1 fav Upper Mount Clair (5th), 4 Sulvez (6th), 8 Jalcanto (4th). 6 ran 1¾l, 1¾l, hd, ¾l, 21l. J Eyre at Thirsk. Tote: £5.20, £2.20, £4.50. DF: £13.30. CSF: £22.78

5.15 (7f) 1. ZELDA ZONK (B Doyle, 7-2 fav); 2. Fairywings (K Fallon, 9-1) 3. Best Of All (T Ives, 12-1) ALSO RAN 4 Lovely Prospect, Maid O'Cannie (6th), 7 Charming Bride (5th), 10 Hats Of To Hilda, 14 Prudent Pet (4th), 16 *Respect A Secret*, 33 Rupiana 50 Village Opera. 11 ran ¾l, 3l, 1¼l, 3l nk. B Meehan at Lambourn Tote: £4.00, £1.40, £1.80 £4.40 DF £31.60 Trio £45.40 CSF £30.02 Tricast £286.65

Jackpot: not won (pool of £3,322.79 carried forward to York today)

Placepot: £234.30 Quadpot: £42.70.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.30 (5f) 1. JUST VISITING (M Henry, 25-1). 2. Whizz Kid (Darren Moffatt, 25-1). 3. Bollero (G Carter, 5-6 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 *Molly Music (4th), 7 Fit For The Job (5th)*, Nampara Bay (6th), 10 Captain Picard, Rons Revenge, 11 Imperial Garden, 20 Wedding Music 10 ran. NR Miss Barcelona. 2½l, hd, 7l, 1¾l, 4l J Wilson at Preston. Tote: £40.10; £13.90, £7.80, £1.00 DF: £242.70. Trio: £203.60. CSF: £445.20.

3.00 (7f) 1. AWESOME VENTURE (D R McCabe, 7-1); 2. Desert Invader (J Fortune, 13-2); 3. Dancing Sioux (F Lynch, 15-8 fav) *ALSO RAN: 5 Palacegate* Touch (4th), 11-2 Elton Ledger (5th), 8 Sea Devil, 17-2 Mustn't Grumble (6th), 25 Mammoon, 50 Justinianus, 66 Undawaterscubadiva. 10 ran. ½l, 1¾l, 1½l, 1l, 1l *M Chapman at Market Rasen*. Tote: £10.30; £2.30, £2.20, £1.20. DF £47.90. Trio £34.30 CSF £49.81

3.30 (2m) 1. TOP PRIZE (G Bardwell, 8-1); 2. Tiaphena (G Carter, 7-1). 3. Bella Sedona (A Clark, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Swordking (5th). 5 Selmeston, 7 Captain Marmalade, 8 Brave Spy, Cross Talk (6th). 16 Record Lover (4th), 20 Jovie King, 33 Dispol Dancer, Lady Risk Me 12 ran ½l, ½l, 10l, hd, 19l. M Brittain at Newmarket Tote *£10.70, £3.00, £2.00, £1.40* DF £51.50 Trio £333.50 (part won: pool of £93.95 carried forward to 4.10 at York today). CSF £64.55 Tricast £219.90

4.00 (1m) 1. DISTINCT BEAUTY (Emma O'Gorman, 9-1), 2. *Hadadabble* (N Carlisle, 25-1), 3. Grey Galava (J F Egan, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Lady Dignity (6th), Noble Canonire (5th), Toffee, 9 Jalmaid, 10 Patino, 12 Shelton Countess, 14 Ballard Lady, *16 Prudent Princess (4th)*. 11 ran. 4l, 1½l, hd, ¾l, sh hd W O'Gorman at Newmarket Tote: £9.00, £3.60, £9.90, £1.10. DF £139.60 Trio: £261.20 (part won; pool of £184.01 carried forward to 4.10 at York today). CSF £179.49 Tricast: £867.90

4.30 (5f) 1, COME TOO MAMMA'S (G Carter, 100-30); 2. Run Lucy Run (F Lynch, 4-1), 3, Who Told Vicky (J F Egan, 2-1 fav) ALSO RAN 5 Face It (5th), 12 Midnight Times, Rahona (4th), 14 Ramsey Pride (6th), 16 Chilled Wine, 33 Chloezymp. 9 ran. ¾l, ¾l, 1½l, 2½l, 5l J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £3.10; £1.80, £1.90, £1.10 DF: £5.50 Trio: £3.70. CSF: £17.53 *Bought in 3,200 gns.*

5.00 (1m 3f) 1. CANTON VENTURE (J Moon, 4-1 jt-fav). 2. Silver Hunter (L Newton, 8-1); 3, Personimus (P Fessey, 6-1) ALSO RAN. 4-1 jt-fav Carol Again *(5th). 5 Mr Moriarty, 8 Mazilla*, Pedaltothemetal (6th), 10 Thorniwama, 12 Watch Me Go (4th), 14 Milltown Classic, 16 Mege Tid 11 ran. 2½l, 1¾l, 6l, 2½l, nk. S Woods at Newmarket. Tote: £7.20; £3.50, £2.50, £2.00 DF: £42.20. Trio £194.70 CSF: £38.06. Tricast £186.82

Placepot: £29.10.

Quadpot: £17.30.

Windsor

Going: good to firm

6.05 (1m 67yd) 1. Delight Of Dawn (C Scally, 7-1); 2. Move With Edes (14-1); 3. *Adilov (14-1) Sunley Secure 6-1 fav* 21 ran. Nk, 2l. K Ivory. Tote £9.70; £3.30, £3.90, £8.80. DF: £119.70. Trio: £152.40 CSF: £99.80.

Towcester

Going: good to firm

6.50 (2m hdle) 1. Shars Delight (M Brennan, 3-1 jt-fav); 2. Sian Wyn (7-2). 3. Troy's Dream (6-1) Fools Of Pride 3-1 jt-fav. 10 ran 16l, ½l. O Brennan. Tote: £4.00; £1.70, £1.70, £2.30. DF: £9.30. Trio: £12.90 CSF £13.99 Bought in 6,000gns.

Fallon strikes at Redcar

KEIRAN FALLON moved on to the 23-winner mark for the season when landing a 27-1 double aboard Panther and Hawksley Hill at Redcar yesterday.

Panther, dropped in grade after running second in a Hamilton handicap last time, obliged in the Kilton Claiming Stakes and landed a gamble. James Hetherton's gelding, backed from 12-1 to half those odds, struck the front over a furlong out as the favourite. No Monkey Nuts, faded and then held on well.

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Baggio and Matthäus omitted

Hernia operation rules Collymore out of Euro 96

BY PETER BALL AND PETER ROBINSON

THE poor form of his Liverpool contingent in the FA Cup Final on Saturday can have given Terry Venables, the England coach, little encouragement, but there was worse news from Anfield yesterday. Rob Jones will discover this morning whether he can take part in the Eurpean championship finals and Stan Collymore is definitely out of contention for a place in the England squad.

Jones has been carrying a back problem for weeks and sees a specialist this morning after having a scan. Collymore goes into hospital today for a hernia operation and will be out for six or seven weeks.

"He is going in for one hernia operation, but it may become two when he is in there," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said yesterday. "He was desperate to be involved with England, but he has been troubled by the injury for some weeks and we decided to get it done so that he will be fit for next season."

Collymore's is the not the only name to be crossed off the list of those hoping to make Euro 96. Roberto Baggio and Lothar Matthäus had been warned to fear the worst; yesterday those fears were realised when the Italy and Germany squads for tournament were announced. Both were ignored and left to ponder the barely-between-the-lines messages that their international careers may be over.

Baggio: overlooked

Baggio was not the only famous name missing from Arrigo Sacchi's Italy 22. Gianluca Vialli, the Juventus captain, announced last year that he would not play for Italy again while Sacchi remains coach, and thus he will have to wait until next season to play in England, if rumours about his impending transfer to the FA Carling Premiership are correct. There is no place, either, for Giuseppe Signori, the Lazio striker, who jointly led the list of goalscorers in Serie A this season.

Baggio, however, was the most conspicuous by his absence, despite his brilliance in the World Cup two years ago and his contribution to AC Milan's recently-won league championship. "A lot of players whom I admire and respect are not on this list," Sacchi said yesterday. "I made a decision in the light of the championship, availability and other factors."

Matthäus has paid for his age — 35 — his struggles to overcome Achilles tendon problems and recent disputes with several other players. Berti Vogts, the Germany coach, has based his squad on the country's leading clubs, Borussia Dortmund and Bayern Munich. Thirteen of the 22 chosen come from the Borussia and Bayern — perhaps 14, for Mario Basler is set to move to Munich from Werder Bremen.

Spain announced their squad yesterday and there is no place for either Raúl or Hugo de la Peña, the teenagers who have shone this season for their clubs, Real Madrid and Barcelona. Javier Clemente, the coach, has opted for experience.

☐ Bobby Gould has included Mark Hughes, the Chelsea striker, in his Wales squad for their opening World Cup qualifying tie, in San Marino on June 2. Contrary to many predictions, Gould, the Wales manager, has overlooked the claims of Vinnie Jones.

SQUADS

GERMANY (European championship): O Kahn (Bayern Munich), S Klos (Borussia Dortmund), A Koepke (Eintracht Frankfurt); M Babbel (Bayern Munich), T Helmer (Bayern Munich), J Kohler (Borussia Dortmund), S Reuter (Borussia Dortmund), M Sammer (Borussia Dortmund), R Schneider (Hansa Rostock), M Basler (Werder Bremen), M Bode (Werder Bremen), D Eilts (Werder Bremen), S Freund (Borussia Dortmund), T Hässler (Karlsruhe SC), A Möller (Borussia Dortmund), M Scholl (Bayern Munich), T Strunz (Bayern Munich), C Ziege (Bayern Munich), O Bierhoff (Udinese), F Bobic (VfB Stuttgart), J Klinsmann (Bayern Munich), S Kuntz (Besiktas).

ITALY (European championship): A Peruzzi (Juventus), F Toldo (Fiorentina), L Bucci (Parma), R Mussi (Parma), M Torricelli (Juventus), A Costacurta (AC Milan), C Ferrara (Juventus), L Apolloni (Parma), P Maldini (AC Milan), A Carboni (AS Roma), A Di Livio (Juventus), D Fuser (Lazio), D Albertini (AC Milan), R Di Matteo (Lazio), A Conte (Juventus), D Baggio (Parma), A Del Piero (Juventus), R Donadoni (New York/New Jersey MetroStars), G Zola (Parma), E Chiesa (Sampdoria), F Ravanelli (Juventus), P Casiraghi (Lazio)

SPAIN (European championship): A Zubizarreta (Valencia), S Cañizares (Real Madrid), J Molina (Atlético Madrid); Abelardo (Barcelona), M A Nadal (Barcelona), Sergi (Barcelona), A Ferrer (Barcelona), R Alkorta (Real Madrid), J Otero (Valencia), A Belsue (Real Zaragoza), G Amor (Barcelona), Donato (Deportivo La Coruña), J Manjarin (Deportivo La Coruña), F Hierro (Real Madrid), L Enrique (Real Madrid), J L Caminero (Atlético Madrid), J Guerrero (Athletic Bilbao), J Salinas (Sporting Gijon), Kiko (Atlético Madrid), Alfonso (Real Betis), J Pizzi (Tenerife), J Amavisca (Real Madrid)

WALES (v San Marino, World Cup group seven qualifier, June 2): N Southall (Everton), D Coyne (Tranmere Rovers), A Marriott (Wrexham); M Bowen (Norwich City), C Coleman (Blackburn Rovers), S Jenkins (Huddersfield Town), A Melville (Sunderland), K Symons (Manchester City), M Browning (Bristol Rovers), J Goss (Norwich City), B Horne (Everton), M Hughes (Chelsea), A Legg (Birmingham City), M Pembridge (Sheffield Wednesday), J Robinson (Charlton Athletic), R Savage (Crewe Alexandra), R Giggs (Manchester United), D Saunders (Galatasaray), G Taylor (Sheffield United).

Francis in jovial mood yesterday as he returned to the club where he made his name

Francis goes back to the future

BY DENNIS SHAW

TREVOR FRANCIS yesterday returned to the football club where he was once revered by supporters as a 16-year-old player, with a manager's brief to launch a new era.

Francis was officially confirmed by Birmingham City as the successor to Barry Fry, who was dismissed last week. He has a three-year contract — sufficient in duration, the club's owners feel, to secure elevation to the FA Carling Premiership from the Endsleigh Insurance League first division. They do not, however, have unlimited funds to put at his disposal.

David Gold, who co-owns the club in partnership with his brother, Richard, and David Sullivan, said that a maximum of £3.5 million would be available to Francis for new players. This would be made up of £1 million of new money put forward by the board, plus half of the cash raised by season ticket sales and savings made in pruning the large playing staff accumulated by Fry.

Francis talked of his "special relationship" with Birmingham supporters, which was ignited in 1971, when, at the age of 16, he scored four goals against Bolton Wanderers. "We had magical moments that can never be rekindled," he said, "but, if I could bring success back to this club, it would be very important to me. I'm in a hurry to get into the Premiership and I wouldn't have come here if the board did not feel the same way."

Sunderland, newly-promoted to the Premiership, said yesterday that they were still hopeful of persuading Ian Rush, the veteran Liverpool forward, to join them in preference to Leeds United.

Ian Holloway, the Queens Park Rangers midfield player, yesterday returned to Bristol Rovers as player-manager. He succeeds John Ward, who left the club last week. Holloway played 283 league games in two spells with Rovers.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto 8 Boston 7; New York 9 Chicago 8; Milwaukee 6 Baltimore 4; Detroit 5 Texas 3; Oakland 8 Minnesota 3; Seattle 8 Kansas City 5; Cleveland 4 California 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida 7 Colorado 5; Montreal 7 Houston 6; Philadelphia 6 Atlanta 0; San Francisco 7 Pittsburgh 2; Chicago 3 New York 0; San Diego 5 Cincinnati 0; St Louis 6 Los Angeles 5.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Semi-finals: Eastern Conference: Chicago 94 New York 91 (Chicago lead best-of-seven series 3-1); Orlando 100 Atlanta 96 (Orlando lead 3-0). Western Conference: Seattle 114 Houston 107 (Seattle win 4-0): Utah 101 San Antonio 86 (Utah lead 3-1).

CRICKET

OFFICIAL CORRECTIONS: AXA Equity & Law League: Yorkshire v Derbyshire: Derbyshire innings: D M Jones c Byas b Stemp 23. Lancashire v Leicestershire: Lancashire Innings: I D Austin not out 3; Total 251 for 6.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Ampleforth Coll 152 Sedbergh 98; Dover Coll 176-8 dec (A K Bradley 100 not out) *Sutton Valence 173-5; Judd 228-5 *John Fisher 215-5; *King's, Taunton 184-9 King's, Bruton 165-4; Mount St Mary's 130 *Oakham 134-4; Wycliffe Coll 184 *Queen Elizabeth's Hosp 117; Radley 148 *Eton 135-4; Rugby 213 *Bedford 216-5 (S Lincoln 100); St Edmund's Coll 207-4 dec (J Hilliard 102 not out) *Bishop's Stortford HS 211-6; *Strathallen 152 Loretto 153-8; *Taunton 202-2 dec Downside 168; The Leys 223-4 *Stamford 139; *Trent 214-3 dec (G Hancock 106 not out) Warwick 100-7; *William Hulme 155 King Edward's, Lytham 156-5; Queen Mary's, Walsall 141 *Wrekin 142-3; *Croydon under-15 208 for 5 (A Goward, 116) Surrey under-15 87.

* denotes home team

CYCLING

TOUR DUPONT: Final stage (Marietta to Kennesaw, Georgia. 16.4 kilometres): 1, L Armstrong (US, Motorola) 17min 56.949sec; 2, D Nardello (It, Mapei-GB) at 28sec; 3, T Rominger (Swtz, Mapei-GB) at 29; 4, A Baffi (It, Mapei-GB) at 30; 5, S Hegg (US, Chevrolet) at 44. 6, T Hamilton (US, US Postal Service) at 1min 08sec. Final overall positions: 1, Armstrong 48hr 20min 05sec; 2, P Herve (Fr, Festina) at 3min 15sec; 3, Rominger at 5:38; 4, D Plaza (Sp, Festina) at 7:24; 5, J C Robin (Fr, Festina) at 7:28; 6, A Hampsten (US, US Postal Service) at 7:43

FOOTBALL

Sunday's late results

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Sociedad 8 Albacete 1; Racing Santander 1 Tenerife 2; Sporting Gijon 2 Compostela 1; Deportivo Coruña 0 Oviedo 4; Sevilla 1 Valencia 2; Celta Vigo 2 Real Betis 0; Valladolid 0 Real Madrid 3; Merida 0 Rayo Vallecano 1; Zaragoza 1 Athletic Bilbao 0; Atlético Madrid 2 Salamanca 1 Postponed: Español v Barcelona. Leading positions: 1, Atlético Madrid played 40, 83pts; 2, Valencia 40, 79. 3, Barcelona 39, 75.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Chaves 1 Gil Vicente 0; Leca 1 Sporting Lisbon 1; FC Porto 1 Belenenses 0; Boavista 1 Estrela Amadora 1; Braga 4 Vitoria Guimaraes 0; Campomaiorense 3 Tirsense 1; Farense 4 Salgueiros 1; Benfica 5 Maritimo Funchal 1; Felgueiras 3 Uniao Leiria 0. Final positions: 1, FC Porto 84; 2, Benfica 73, 3, Sporting Lisbon 67.

GOLF

DALMAHOY: Gillespies Scottish PGA championship: Leading final scores: 276: B Marchbank (unatt) 69, 67, 68, 72. 277: R Russell (Longniddry) 70, 67, 72, 68. A Ratt (St George's Hill) 69, 68, 70, 70. 279: I Young (Braid Hills) 73, 75, 66, 65, A Oldcorn (Dalmahoy) 70, 69, 72, 68; G Law (Uphall) 72, 72, 67, 68. 280: C Gillies (Falkirk) 71, 73, 71, 65; W Guy (Buchanan Castle) 70, 71, 71, 68: A Tait (Cawder) 70, 67, 73, 70. 281: K Stables (Montrose) 72, 70, 68, 71: 283: D Robertson (unatt) 70, 71, 73, 69. 284: P Lawrie (Inchmarlo Golf Centre) 70, 75, 71, 68 285: R Drummond (Unatt) 75, 70, 72, 68, P Smith (Newmachar) 71 72, 72, 70; S Martin (unatt) 72 74, 69, 70; S Stephen (Brad Hills) 68 72 70, 75 286: S Thompson (Gladdoch) 74, 71, 72, 69: G Sherry (Loch Lomond) 72, 72, 71, 71: R Weir (Cowal) 69, 72, 72, 73

SUNNINGDALE: England v France amateur international: Saturday: Foursomes: C Edwards (Bath) and M Blackley (Hayling) lost to C Ravetto and O David 2 and 1, M Reynard (Moseley) and P Streeter (Sleaford) halved with R Eyraud and J de Polo. P Stuart (London Club) and L Donald (Beaconsfield) lost to J Bourg and J Chevalier 3 and 2. K Walbank (Farthaven) and P Nelson (Renishaw Park) bt F Rouz and F Stolear 2 and 1. England 1½ France 2½. Singles: Edwards lost to Eyraud 2 and 1, Blackley halved with Ravetto: Streeter lost to David one hole. Reynard bt A Ghigha 3 and 2. Nelson lost to Chevalier one hole. Stuart lost to Stolear one hole. Donald lost to Bourg 3 and 2. Walbank bt Rouz one hole England 2½ France 5½. France led 8-4 after first day. Sunday: Foursomes: Walbank and Nelson bt Eyraud and de Polo two holes. Reynard and Streeter bt Rouz and Stolear 3 and 2. Edwards and Donald lost to Bourg and Chevalier 3 and 1. M Blackley and J Knight (Sandford Springs) lost to Ravetto and David 2 and 1. England 2 France 2. Singles: Walbank lost to Eyraud 3 and 1: Reynard bt Stolear one hole. Donald lost to de Polo one hole. Streeter lost to Rouz 3 and 2. Knight lost to Bourg one hole: Nelson lost to David 2 and 1; Blackley beat Chevalier 3 and 2: Edwards beat Ravetto 2 and 1. England 3 France 5. Match result: England 9 France 15

IRVING, Texas: Byron Nelson Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 265: P Mickelson 67, 65, 67, 66. 267: C Parry (Aus) 70, 67, 65, 65. 268: D Duval 71, 64, 68, 65. 269: N Price (Zim) 67, 66, 69, 67; J Sluman 69, 68, 65, 67. 270: G Morgan 72, 64, 69, 65; M Brooks 64, 70, 70, 66; M Wiebe 68, 69, 63, 70; C Pavin 67, 66, 67, 70. 271: K Triplett 71, 68, 68, 64; G Kraft 70, 69, 67, 65; B Chamblee 73, 62, 70, 66, J Maggert 67, 71, 66, 67, H Sutton 69, 69, 66, 67; A Doyle 68, 69, 66, 68; S Elkington (Aus) 67, 69, 66, 69; B Ogle (Aus) 70, 68, 64, 69. Other scores: 272: E Els (SA). 279: D Feherty (GB).

ALPHARETTA, Georgia: Nationwide seniors' championship: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 208: J Colbert 71, 66, 69. 209: I Aoki (Japan) 71, 68, 70 210: H Irwin 69, 73, 68. Other scores: 211: R Charles (NZ) 65, 71, 75 214: B Barnes (GB) 74, 71, 69 215: G Marsh (Aus) 68, 71, 76. 217: S Hobday (SA) 70, 71, 76, T Weiskopf 72, 69, 76. 219: C Peete 73, 75, 71. 220: L Trevino 72, 70, 78. 224: A Jacklin 75, 74, 75.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-offs: Semi-finals: Eastern Conference: Florida 2 Philadelphia 1 (Florida lead best-of-seven series 3-2) Western Conference: St Louis 3 Detroit 2 (St Louis lead 3-2)

MOTORCYCLING

SNETTERTON: Motor Cycle News British superbike championship: Fourth round: First race (16 laps, 31.23 miles) 1, J Whitham (Cadbury Boost Yamaha) 18min 50.43sec (99.46mph); 2, C Walker (Old Spice Ducati) 18:56.19; 3, N Mackenzie (Cadbury Boost Yamaha) 18:56.54, 4, T Rymer (Old Spice Ducati) 18:57.03. 5, M Rutter (McCulloch Ducati) 19:00.91, 6, J Moodie (Duckhams Ducati) 19:02.04. Fastest lap: Whitham 1:09.73 (100.77mph) Second race (18 laps, 35.13 miles) 1, Whitham 21 10.74 (99.54mph), 2 Mackenzie 21 14.58. 3, Rutter 21 15.37, 4, Rymer 21 15.89, 5, I Simpson (Duckhams Ducati) 21 28.35, 6, Moodie 21 35.60. Fastest lap: Mackenzie 1 09.53 (101.06mph, lap record) Championship positions: 1 Mackenzie 152pts, 2, Whitham 135, 3 Rymer 101, 4, Rutter 94, 5 Moodie 74. Motorcycle City supersteen championship (12 laps, 23.42 miles) 1, C Burns (Aprilia) 17 02.21 (82.49mph) 2, K Harris (Aprilia) 17:25.95 3 K Murphy (Aprilia) 17 31.45. Fastest lap: Burns 1 23.98 (83.67mph, lap record) British 125cc supercup (12 laps, 23.42 miles) 1, M Lofthouse (Yamaha) 15:35.92, 2, P Owers (Honda) 15 37.54, 3, F Mendes (Honda) 15 41.99. Fastest lap: Lofthouse 1.16.51 (91.84mph) British 250cc supercup (12 laps, 23.42 miles) 1, J Vincent (Honda) 14 35.48 (96.32mph) 2, S Sawford (Aprilia) 14 38.94, 3, L Dickinson (Honda) 14 39.12. Fastest lap: Vincent 1 12.10 (97.46mph)

MOTOR RALLYING

INDONESIAN RALLY: Final positions: 1, C Sainz (Sp, Ford Escort) 5hr 30min 2, P Liatti (It, Subaru Impreza) at 23sec, 3, J Kankkunen (Fin, Toyota Celica) at 1min 02sec; 4, Y Fujimoto (Jap, Toyota Celica) at 19:44; 5, R Pribadi (Indo, Toyota Celica) at 35:17; 6, M Lieu (HK, Subaru Impreza) at 37.22

REAL TENNIS

HOLYPORT: BNB Resources British professional championship: Final: W Davies (Aus) bt P Tabley (Aus) 6-2, 6-2, 6-1. Young professionals championship: Final: M Coghlan (GB) bt J Beaumont (GB) 6-1, 6-2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Castleford 50 Workington 16; St Helens 24 London 22. Second division: Bramley 22 Swinton 60; South Wales 58 Chorley 0

SNOOKER

IRTHLINGBOROUGH: European League: Final: K Doherty (Ire) bt S Davis (Eng) 10-5

RUGBY UNION

FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIPS: Quarter-finals: Toulouse 12 Narbonne 9; Dax 25 Toulon 11; Brive 13 Agen 12; Pau 21 Bourgoin 18 Semi-finals (May 19): Toulouse v Dax; Brive v Pau.

TENNIS

PINEHURST: North Carolina: US clay-court championship: Final: F Meligeni (Br) bt M Wilander (Swe) 6-4, 6-2

LEE-ON-SOLENT: LTA satellite tournament: Men: Final: A Dupuis (Fr) bt F Dondo (Uru) 7-6, 6-4

ROME: Men's tournament: First round: G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt G Rusedski (GB) 7-6, 6-3; T Martin (US) bt K Kucera (Slovakia) 6-1, 6-3; C Moya (Sp) bt J Arrese (Sp) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; A Costa (Sp) bt K Carlsen (Den) 6-1, 6-7, 6-4; M Washington (US) bt G Pozzi (It) 6-4, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) bt J Siemerink (Holl) 6-3, 6-4

BERLIN: Women's tournament: First round: T Whitlinger-Jones (US) bt M Weingaertner (Ger) 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; E Likhovtseva (Russ) bt A Sugiyama (Japan) 6-3, 6-2; Y Basuki (Indo) bt M Gryzbowska (Pol) 6-3, 1-6, 7-5, A Smashnova (Isr) bt R Grande (It) 6-4, 2-6, 7-5, R McQuillan (Aus) bt L Richterova (Cz) 6-4, 6-3; N Bradtke (Aus) bt D Randriantefy (Madagascar) 6-3, 6-3; B Rittner (Ger) bt B Fulco-Villella (Arg) 6-4, 6-2; J Wiesner (Austria) bt K Boogert (Holl) 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; A Carlsson (Swe) bt S Cacic (US) 6-2, 6-3

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POOLS FORECAST

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Coupon No, fixture, forecast

VICTORIA

SECOND DIVISION

1 Altona C v Oakleigh 1
2 Bell Park v E Altona 2
3 Knox v Nunawading 1
4 Moor'b'k v E Richm'd X
5 Regent v Frankston P 1
6 S Danden'g v Waverley 1
7 W Vale v E Brunswick 1

FOURTH DIVISION

8 Geelong v S Heights X
9 Langwarrin v Corio 1
10 Moribulk v Lalor 1
11 Morel'd v Sandr'gham 1
12 N Coburg v Will'mst'n 1
13 Ston'gton v Yarraville X

FIFTH DIVISION

14 Ballarat v S Wantirna 2
15 Doveton v Mornington 2
16 Geelong R v Melton X
17 Keysboro v Glenroy 1
18 Knox Pk v Heidelberg 1
19 N Sunshine v Mitcham 1
20 O Scotch v Sp'gvale C 1

SIXTH DIVISION

21 Braeside v S Yarra 2
22 Brandon v Berwick 1
23 Croxton v Endeavour 2
24 Dandenong v Lyndale 2
25 E N'wad'g v Hampton X
26 Hoppers v Brunswick 1
27 N Glenroy v Meadow 2

WEST AUSTRALIA

FIRST DIVISION

28 Ashfield v Cockburn 1
29 Frem'tle v Bassend'n 1
30 Morley v Dianella 1
31 N Lake v Rockingham 1
32 Perth v Balcatta 1
33 S'thside v Joondalup 2

SECOND DIVISION

34 Balga v West Yugal 1
35 Queens Pk v Melville 1
36 University v Armadale 2
37 Wanneroo v S Vardar 1

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PREMIER LEAGUE

38 Camp'lt'n v Croydon 1
39 Olymp'ns v Adel'de R 1
40 Port Lion v Woodville 2
41 Salisbury v B Eagles X

FIRST DIVISION

42 Adelaide C v Modbury X
43 Elizabeth v Plympton 1
44 Noarlunga v Cumb'l'd X
45 Para Hills v W Adel'de 1
46 Port Pirie v Enfield X
47 WT Birkalla v Seaford 1

QUEENSLAND

THIRD DIVISION

48 Darra v Goodna 2
49 Newmarket v Annerley 1
50 University v Clairvaux 1

FOURTH DIVISION

51 Greenbank v S Star 2
52 Samford v Browns P 1
53 Southside v Pine Hills 1

TASMANIA SOUTH

PREMIER LEAGUE

54 Howrah v Phoenix 2
55 Rapid v Kingborough X

NEW SOUTH WALES

THIRD DIVISION

56 Glebe v Hakoah X
57 Wanderers v M'bank X
58 White City v Earlwood 1

DRAWS (home teams) Mooroolbark, Geelong, Stonnington, Geelong Rangers, E Nunawading, Salisbury, Adelaide City, Noarlunga, Port Pirie, Rapid, Glebe, Wanderers

BEST DRAWS: Stonnington, Salisbury, Noarlunga, Port Pirie, Glebe.

AWAYS: East Altona, South Wantirna, Mornington, South Yarra, Endeavour, Lyndale, Meadow Park, Armadale Park.

HOMES: Knox City, South Dandenong, West Vale, Langwarrin, Moreland, North Sunshine, Brandon Park, Hoppers, Morley, Para Hills, Newmarket, Samford

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 47

ABSCISS

(b) To cut off, to abscind, to abscise. Botanical jargon. Back-formation from *abscission*. "The twigs may be abscissed after many years of growth."

ARGAND

(b) A diagram used for the graphical representation of a complex number. The eponym of the surname of Jean Robert *Argand*, a French mathematician (1768-1822). "The Argand diagram is two perpendicular axes on one of which real numbers are represented and on the other pure imaginaries, thus providing a frame of reference for graphing complex numbers."

DYAK

(c) A member of one of the aboriginal peoples inhabiting parts of Borneo and Sarawak, often divided into *Land Dyaks* and *Sea Dyaks*. From the Malay *dayak*, up-country. D. H. Lawrence, *Adelphi*, 1924: "How apparently untamed the savage may be, Dyak or Hottentot, you may be sure he is grinding on his own ideas."

GLORIA

(b) The French name for coffee with brandy or rum. "Burnt coffee (in France vulgarly called gloria). Make some coffee. Sweeten it. Pour brandy on the top. Set fire to it . . . and drink the gloria quite hot."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. . . . Rxc3!; 2. Qxc3 N6xe4+; 3. fxe4 Nxe4+ and the White queen goes.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup

11.0, 50 overs

FENNER'S: British Universities v Middlesex

DERBY: Derbyshire v Minor Counties

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Hampshire

EGLINTON: Ireland v Surrey

CANTERBURY: Kent v Glamorgan

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Warwickshire

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Durham

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire

EDINBURGH: Scotland v Worcestershire

TAUNTON: Somerset v Essex

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Chelmsford: Essex v Gloucestershire. Pontypridd: Glamorgan v Somerset. Maidstone: Kent v Leicestershire. Haslingden: Lancashire v Sussex. Uxbridge CC: Middlesex v Surrey. Worcester: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire. Todmorden: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League

Halifax v Wigan (7.30)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Woolston v Heworth (7.30)

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.0

Heineken League

First division

Cardiff v Llanelli

Neath v Pontypridd

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Alvechurch Villa v Southam, Knowle v Handrahan Timbers, Massey Ferguson v Studley BKL, Wellesbourne v Coventry Sphinx

HELLENIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE: First division Cup final: Ardley v Milton

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle Town v Trafford

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National league: Croydon v Arsenal

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: British featherweight championship: Jon Jo Irwin (Doncaster, holder) v Colin McMillan (Barking) (Goresbrook Leisure Centre, Dagenham)

RADIO CHOICE

ABC of the worried GP

File on 4. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*

There is a commendable absence of popular appeal about *File on 4*, which returns tonight. It assumes that we do not approach its chosen topics with empty minds, but, if this is precisely how ill-informed we are, *File on 4* does not give up on us. It knocks our heads together and gets down to the job of educating us. Tonight it focuses on GP fundholding in south Derbyshire, where something in the NHS is seriously amiss. Because of excessive paperwork and administrative pressures, some local surgeries are getting out of fundholding. Other cash-strapped GPs are cutting back on patient care services. This *File on 4* inquiry is well timed, going out on the eve of publication of an Audit Commission report on fundholding.

The Robinsons at the BBC. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

Stephen Pattinson's script, affably delivered by Ian Wallace, dovetails the working lives of two brothers who, in their different ways, did much to make popular music even more popular. Eric Robinson was the better known because television was his medium. His *Music for You* attracted viewers in their millions. Some of his celebrated "guests" disliked his over-familiar approach. I confess that I did not warm to him. Stanford did not try to charm anybody. His best work, outside radio, was in concert halls and opera houses. He pointed the way to new musical experiences. In contrast, Eric followed the public through familiar territory.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Charlie Jordan **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** *Newsbeat* **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session, with Manic Street Preachers in conversation **9.00** Cling Film **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** *Wendy Lloyd*

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes over Britain **8.30** *Tickling the Ivories (6/6)* **9.00** The Robinsons at the BBC. See Choice **10.00** Ironic Maidens (1/6) (r) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl **6.55**, **7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.05pm** Ruscoe on Five, incl **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time **4.00** John Inverdale *Nationwide*, incl **5.45** *Entertainment* News **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Inside Edge, with Rob Bonnet, incl at **7.50** The Business of Sport and at **8.35** Sport for and by people with disabilities **9.05** Any Sporting Questions, live from Hampden Park in Glasgow, with Pat Murphy **10.05** News Talk, with Nigel Cassidy **11.00** Night Extra, incl **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian *Collins*

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.15** *World Today* **7.30** *Anything Goes* **8.00** World News **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Songs for Children **9.00** News in German **9.15** Thirty-Minute Drama **9.45** Good Books **10.00** World *News* **10.05** *Business* **10.15** Hoax **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30** Meridian **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Jazz Score **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** World *News* **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today *5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today* **6.00** World News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Voicebox **6.30** News in German **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Jazz Score **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Megamix **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.10am** Voicebox **12.15** Lets Go **12.30** Megamix **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.00** *Newsday* **3.30** *Meridian* **4.00** *News* **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight **6.30** *Sonata* **7.00** *The Opera Guide* **8.00** *Evening Concert* **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** *Mark Forrest* **2.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes, Grieg (Symphonic Dances, op 64); Weber (Clarinet Concerto No 2 in E flat); Giuseppe Cambini (String Quartet Op 40 no 3); Bernstein (Three Dance Episodes)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Paul Gambaccini. Wagner (*Ride of the Valkyries*, *Die Walküre*); Scharwenka (Legends, Op 5); Ibert (Escales); Haydn (Symphony No 85 in B flat, La Reine)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Kachaturian (Greeting Overture) **10.05** *Artists of the Week*: London Baroque W.F. Bach (*Sonata in E flat, Op 1 No 5*) **10.15** Mozart (Divertimento in B flat, K240); Stradella (Sorde dive, ch'ai mortali, San Giovanni Battista); Dvořák (The Noonday Witch); Stradella (Queste lac, ime e sospiri, San Giovanni Battista); Smetana (*String Quartet No 2 in D minor*)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Clara Schumann. Includes, Variations on a Theme of Robert Schumann and Scherzos in D minor, Op 10; in C minor, Op 14

1.00pm BBC Festival of Brass 1996. The Britannia Building Society Band under Howard Snell with Mark Wilkinson, cornet. Balay, arr Wright (Overture, Diadem of Gold). *Snell (Fantasy for cornet)*. Rubbra, arr Anon (The Shining River); Gary Carpenter (Chi), Wagner, arr Snell (Entry into Valhalla, Das Rheingold)

2.00 Schools Playtime **2.15** Time to Move **2.35** Listen!

3.00 *The BBC Orchestras.* The BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Yan Pascal Tortelier. With Cécile Ousset, piano, Rebecca Evans, soprano, Neal Davies, bass, BBC National Chorus of Wales. Ravel (Alborada del gracioso); Saint-Saëns (Piano *Concerto No 2 in G minor*), Bizet (L'Arlésienne: Suite No 1); Fauré (Requiem)

4.35 Take Your Partners . . . A 16th-century dancing lesson, accompanied by the Broadside Band

5.00 The Music Machine

5.15 In Tune. Includes, Britten (*Calypso, Cabaret Songs*); Fats Waller (Hold Tight); Schubert, arr Sitkovetsky (Rondo in A, D438)

7.30 Pebble Mill, live from Studio One in Birmingham. Rex Lawson demonstrates the player-piano, which automatically plays music *recorded for it on perforated* paper rolls. Includes pieces by Stravinsky, Nancarrow and Stanhope **8.15** Put Another Nickel In. A look at musical slot-machines **8.35** Concert Part 2

9.30 Picasso's Women — Fernande (2/4)

9.55 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Richard Hickox. Beethoven (Symphony No 6 in F, Pastoral) (r)

10.45 Night Waves

11.30 Composer of the Week: Nielsen (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **3.25** Early Music **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (**LW** only) **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** *Farming Today* **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** *Today* incl **7.25**, **8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** *Weather*

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 4444

10.00 News; Hitchcock and the Beast (FM only). Andy Hitchcock explores the mystery of the Beast of Bodmin

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW *only*)

10.30 Woman's Hour

11.30 All in the Mind. Professor Anthony Clare investigates stress at work

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch

12.25pm Quote... Unquote. Joining Nigel Rees are John Cole, Philip Franks, Roy Hattersley, MP, and Peter Jones. The reader is Patricia Hughes **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Flirting with *Vincent*, *by Julia Stoneham* With Ann Mitchell, Hilda Braid, David Timson and Colleen Prendergast

2.30 Comparing Notes with Brian Kay

3.00 The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan reads *A.S. Byatt's Babel Tower* sees Simon Gray's play *Simply Disconnected* and talks to the new British tenor Ian Bostridge

4.45 Short Story: The Weeping Child By Jane Gardam. Read *by Marion Reed*

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast *5.55 Weather*

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Some Tame Gazelle. Part four of Elizabeth Proud's six-part dramatisation of Barbara Pym's *novel (r)*

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 File on 4. See Choice

8.00 Science Now, with Professor Lewis Wolpert, a developmental biologist from University College, London (r)

8.30 The Network. *Alun Lewis* looks at the future of mass media. Can advertisers live with the concept of narrowcasting, specialist broadcasting for special interest groups?

9.00 In Touch Peter White with news, views and information for visually impaired people

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Next of Kin, by Joanna Trollope (2/10)

11.00 Mediumwave (r)

11.30 Word of Mouth (FM only). *Russell Davies samples the* language of drunkenness (5/6) (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)

12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather

12.30 The Late Book: The Stone Diaries, by Carol Shields Abridged by Alison Joseph and read by Shelley Thompson (2/10) (r) **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00** ***As World Service***

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In our genes, we all look very much alike

REVIEW

Peter Barnard

To have one Prime Minister as a cousin may be counted a misfortune, to have two smacks of carelessness. But the Crust family, undistinguished apart from their relationship to both Margaret Thatcher and John Major, can at least plead that careless lineage is universal.

Relationships are all in the genes or, as Professor Steve Jones pithily put it in the first of his series on genetics, **In The Blood** (BBC1): "History is made in bed. Genes move across the world through sex, not through a wandering tribe of heroes."

Jones is a media academic of the modern school. Whereas Bronowski (*The Ascent of Man*) and Clark (*Civilisation*) came blinking somewhat stiffly before the camera, Jones, in sports coat and open-necked shirt throughout, arrives as if to the manner born.

I will be accused of haste in putting Jones alongside those predecessors but genetics is surely the discovery of the age and neither *The Ascent of Man* nor *Civilisation* was quite as lauded at the time as they have become since. In those terms, *In The Blood* is landmark television.

The first programme, *Lost Tribes*, took Jones ("I'm one of the world's top six snail geneticists and the other five agree") to Britain, America the Middle East and Africa. The notion was to find the Lost Tribes of Israel and the conclusion is that those tribes are not so much lost as distributed among all of us.

Among those claiming direct descent from the Tribes are the Samaritans of the West Bank and the Lemba of Zimbabwe and South Africa. Both have sufficient of the relevant Y chromosomes to justify their claim, but that is not quite how genealogy works.

Thus, a "Lost Tribe" is unlikely to be a group of people who have moved from one place and simply restarted their generational development somewhere else. The Lemba, for example, probably acquired their genealogical link to the Tribes through the arrival of Semite traders in Africa.

So Jones and his pieces of tracing paper containing the arcane symbols that are DNA demonstrate that the further back you go the more evidence there is of the human race as a single family: "Half the population of the UK is related to William the Conqueror and almost everyone to the Emperor Nero."

Oh yes: and 100,000 of us are related to Major and Thatcher. What makes the Crusts special is that they will go on television and admit it.

If all of that means that I may be related to Eve Arnold then hasten the day when my genes unlock her skills. Arnold was profiled in an **Omnibus** film by Beeban Kidron for BBC1. Kidron is a skilled film-maker but I wish this exercise had taken more tips from Arnold herself: the simple, stark processes that make her photography great were illustrated here with gimmicky, staccato filming and irritating cross-cuts.

A small, white-haired woman, Arnold has taken pictures all over the world of people who are all over history. She is perhaps most famous for penetrating the veil of showbusiness to bring us honest images of Marlene Dietrich, Joan Crawford and, especially, Marilyn Monroe.

Pre-Arnold, stills to publicise films had been mere cheesecake or frames from the films themselves. Her pictures sent producers into a panic, until they saw the amount of publicity that resulted from photographs of stars putting on their clothes or their make-up.

Arnold knows herself and knows the difference between great photography and most photography: "The difference between a fine photographer and an average one is that you have the wit to take advantage of the accident, whatever's going on."

The football season is now over, relief all round. Over, that, is except for the Endsleigh League play-offs this week, an England match on Saturday and the European championship in England next month. No, the football season is never over.

Just in case the gap of a few hours between games should lead to withdrawal symptoms, **Fair Game** (Channel 4) returned for a new series and focused on the plight of young footballers. This is a real issue, swept under the carpet by the football authorities, and Greg Dyke's programme crystallised it.

Players aged six and upwards are being targeted by top clubs and, in spite of FA rules, there is evidence that schoolboys signed by small clubs are being poached by big ones. The cameras filmed one putative star, signed to Leyton Orient, taking part in a training session with Chelsea, though Chelsea claimed not to know about the Orient connection.

Eight-year-olds now have agents. We saw one in conversation with the ubiquitous Eric Hall, whose dictionary of adjectives consists of the single word "monster". Hall's cigars are certainly monster: they are considerably larger than some of his clients.

The small clubs to which these little chaps are signed are turning into nurseries for the giants in more ways than one. A player cannot be signed on professional forms until he is 17; therefore impoverished clubs can spend years nurturing talent, only to have it snatched away just before a contract is produced.

One is left to wonder about the fathers, some of whom tout their progeny in the same way that some mothers tout girls around baby shows. It is demeaning and worrying. Yet on Saturday Manchester United won the FA Cup with five players who joined the club as boys. Dreams do come true and dreams propel the human spirit.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (83714)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (14085)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (4424443)
9.20 Style Counsel (s) (7537004) **9.45 Kilroy** (s) (6861646) **10.30 Good Morning** (s) (97849) **12.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather (1847714) **12.05pm Call My Bluff** (s) (5089646) **12.35 Going for Gold** (s) (4579066)
1.00 News (Ceefax); and weather (17172)
1.30 Regional News and weather (62759240)
1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (69287153)
2.00 FILM: Shimmering Light (1978) with Beau Bridges, Lloyd Bridges and Victoria Shaw. American Kevin Pearce goes to Australia to fulfil his passion for surfing; but when his girlfriend becomes pregnant and his father becomes terminally ill, Kevin is forced to come to terms with a life that doesn't revolve around the surf. Directed by Don Chaffey (21153)
3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (2506085) **3.50 Monster Cafe** (r) (s) (4831379) **4.05 Casper Classics** (r) (s) (6508998) **4.10 Dennis the Menace** (Ceefax) (s) (5875646) **4.35 Out of Tune** (Ceefax) (s) (2895530) **5.00 Newsround** (s) (7254462) **5.10 Activ-8** (Ceefax) (s) (6103269)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (710578)
6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (207)
6.30 Regional News magazines (559)
7.00 2point4 Children. As the neighbours no longer have any pets, surely it is safe for Bill and Ben to look after their house while they are away? (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3761)
7.30 EastEnders. Pat is unnerved when the police pay her a visit and Peggy's plans for a celebration fall flat (Ceefax) (s) (443)
8.00 Great Ormond Street. Caron Curran is recovering after last week's operation on her cleft palate. Unfortunately the doctors discover the operation has gone wrong. Plus: nine-year-old Grant Robinson, who suffers from the rare Crouzon syndrome, which prevents the face from growing properly, is hoping to change his looks (Ceefax) (6511)
8.30 Funny World. Barbara Windsor introduces sketches and sit-com clips portraying class (Ceefax) (s) (5646)
9.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (6356)
9.30 Men Behaving Badly. In the last of this series Gary is in for a shock when he returns from a weekend away to find his girlfriend, Dorothy, in bed with his best mate, Tony (r) (Ceefax) (s) (22917) **WALES: 9.30** Week in Week Out
10.00 Cardiac Arrest. The doctors disagree over the correct treatment of patients. Claire teases Scissors about Sister Novac (Ceefax) (s) (75511) **WALES: 10.00** Men Behaving Badly
10.30 **A Knife to the Heart: Walking the Tightrope** (Ceefax) (s) (171897) **WALES: 10.30** Cardiac Arrest **11.00** A Knife to the Heart **11.50-1.50am** FILM: Catch-22
11.25 FILM: Catch-22 (1970) starring Alan Arkin. Wonderful adaptation of Joseph Heller's anti-war novel, set in 1944 on an American Air Force base on a small Mediterranean island. Directed by Mike Nichols. (Ceefax) (983288)
1.20am Weather (1760775)

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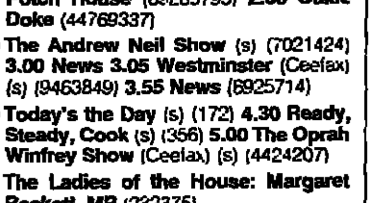
BBC2

6.00 Open University: Science (7119004) **6.25** The Birth of Modern Geometry (7198511) **6.50** Geology (5121004)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (4519172)
7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (35578) **8.00 Blue Peter** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7277578) **8.25 Oakie Doke** (r) (s) (5238191) **8.40 The Record** (s) (8739153)
9.05 Daytime on Two: Islam (4421356) **9.25 Christianity** (4434820) **9.45 Watch** (5681801) **10.00 Playdays** (2192207) **10.25 Come Outside** (2212004) **10.40 Lifeschool Extra** (8753917) **11.05 Space Ark** (3887676) **11.15 Writing and Pictures** (9378849) **11.30 Ghostwriter** (8191) **12.00 See Hear!** (72424) **12.30pm Working Lunch** (21545) **1.00 Teaching Today** (15714) **1.30 Showcase** (62757882) **1.40 Hotch Potch House** (69285795) **2.00 Oakie Doke** (44769337)
2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (s) (7021424) **3.00 News 3.05 Westminster** (Ceefax) (s) (9463849) **3.55 News** (6925714)
4.00 Today's the Day (s) (172) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (356) **5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (Ceefax) (s) (4424207)
5.40 The Ladies of the House: Margaret Beckett, MP (232375)
6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (s) (789269)
6.25 Heartbreak High (Ceefax) (s) (912462)
7.10 The Ren and Stimpy Show (Ceefax) (s) (332795)
7.30 The Technophobe's Guide to the Future. In the last of the series Dominik Diamond travels to Belfast to investigate a computer-based educational system achieving dramatic results. Pauline Quirk discovers how to keep her PC in working order (s) (135)



Pat Barker (8.00pm)

8.00 **The Works: On the Ghost Road** (Ceefax) (s) (4153)
8.30 Floyd on Africa. (4/7) The cook continues his tour of southern Africa with a visit to the coastal town of Majunga, Madagascar (Ceefax) (s) (3288)
9.00 Murder One: Chapter Eleven. Hoffman and Grasso continue to question prospective jurors (Ceefax) (s) (594191)
9.45 Consumed by Fire. French geologists Maurice and Katia Krafft travelled the world to witness volcanic eruptions, shooting more than 800 hours of spectacular film footage. But tragedy struck in 1991, when they were engulfed by a Japanese volcano (Ceefax) (s) (576356)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (884207)
11.15 Moving Pictures. Film magazine. With Kurt Russell, John Carpenter and Oliver Stone. (Ceefax) (s) (469172)
12.00 The Midnight Hour (s) (63825)
12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

The Works: On the Ghost Road
BBC2, 8.00pm

Pat Barker, Booker Prize winner for her novel of the First World War, joins a coach tour of Britons to the battlefields of the Somme. The trip has the specific purpose of finding the last resting place of an uncle, the wider one of thinking about the psychology of war. Although the site of the battle is now gentle green fields, for Barker the Somme ranks with the Holocaust as the central horror of 20th-century civilisation. She ponders on the confrontation of idealistic young bodies and instruments of mass destruction, and the disillusion which set in. Siegfried Sassoon, who mixed bravery in war with the courage to speak against it, is a particular Barker hero. But she also remembers the soldiers who were not famous and who failed to survive.

Without Walls: Painted Ladies
Channel 4, 9.30pm

"I couldn't design a thing," declares Vivienne Westwood, "if I didn't look at art." In this three-part series she lets us in on some of the connections she has made between paintings and sculptures and the clothes that feature in her collections. Her first film is subtitled "nobility, virtue and morality" and carries the message that if clothes cannot express our higher aspirations as human beings, they are not doing their job. To illustrate her theme Westwood starts with ancient Greek drapery, and traces its influence through what she calls the timeless state clothing of Louis XIV and into the 19th century. Some may want to dispute Westwood's assertion that changes in fashion are always aesthetic, as if they had nothing to do with material forces. But she promises to be as provocative before the camera as she is on the catwalk.

Knife to the Heart: Walking the Tightrope
BBC1, 10.30pm

As transplant surgery moved into the 1970s its very success started throwing up difficulties. The biggest concern of doctors was that the patient's body would reject the new organ. Transplants could save and prolong life. But what about the quality of that life? The third film of an honest and illuminating series looks at attempts to overcome rejection. The trouble was that the powerful drugs used for the purpose often had intolerable side-effects. In Florida a 15-year-old boy begged a court to allow him to die rather than suffer any more pain. A woman who took anti-rejection drugs after a liver transplant became violent, even to her baby. The case of Laura Davies, the little girl who was flown to the United States for transplant operations, raises the question of whether doctors, egged on by the media, are prolonging life unnecessarily.

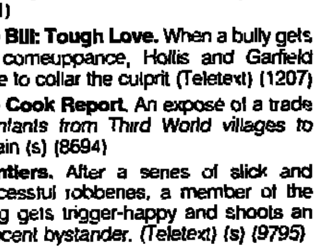
Network First: Inside Burma — Land of Fear
ITV, 10.40pm

John Pilger's relentless exposure of human atrocity takes him to Asia but, as usual, his villains also come from the capitalist West. Burma offers rich material for Pilgerian condemnation. For more than 30 years a repressive military dictatorship has stamped out democracy, tortured and imprisoned its opponents and employed child and slave labour as a matter of routine. That is Pilger's case, and he offers the evidence to back it. Much of the filming had to be done secretly, including an interview with Aung San Suu Kyi, the house-arrested leader of Burmese democracy. Her hope and belief is that the will of the people will one day prevail. Meanwhile Pilger vents his anger more or less equally on a brutal regime and on Western companies which are helping to sustain it.

Peter Waymark

HTV

6.00am GMTV (8462266)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (7512795)
9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (2179356)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (6414733)
10.35 This Morning (50846627)
12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1843998)
12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (4598191)
12.55 Shortland Street (s) (4573882)
1.25 High Road (Teletext) (1899733)
2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (19764559)
2.25 Murder, She Wrote. Starring Angela Lansbury (r) (7037085)
3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (7881530)
3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7880801)
3.30 The Magic House (r) (s) (4631171) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (1228882) **3.50 Sooty and Co** (r) (s) (2502269) **4.15 Animaniacs** (Teletext) (s) (5869085) **4.40 Chris Cross** (r) (Teletext) (s) (2278646)
5.10 Forgotten Ports. Sir Robin Knox-Johnston continues his cruise up the Bristol Channel accompanied by 'Spud' Spedding (9756443)
5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (229801)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (776795)
6.25 HTV News (260511)
7.00 Emmerdale. The media witness a miracle (Teletext) (s) (2559)
7.30 West Eye Veiw. Current affairs (Teletext) (511)
8.00 The Bill: Tough Love. When a bully gets his comeuppance, Hollis and Garfield have to collar the culprit (Teletext) (1207)
8.30 The Cook Report. An exposé of a trade in infants from Third World villages to Britain (s) (8694)
9.00 Frontiers. After a series of slick and successful robberies, a member of the gang gets trigger-happy and shoots an innocent bystander. (Teletext) (s) (9795)
10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (67397)
10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (436581)



Aung San Suu Kyi (10.40pm)

10.40 **Network First: Inside Burma, Land of Fear.** (Teletext) (289220)
11.40 Max Monroe: Loose Cannon (827172)
12.40 FILM: Steelyard Blues (1973) starring Donald Sutherland, Jane Fonda and Peter Boyle. Comedy about a motley crew who restore a Second World War bomber with the idea of flying away from it all. But when they run out of money they resort to other means to finish the job. Directed by Alan Myerson (838270)
2.25 Late & Loud (s) (7610283)
3.20 The Chart Show (r) (s) (2104641)
4.10 Murder, She Wrote (r) (2399573)
5.00 the LADS (s) (73399)
5.30 Morning News (51080)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:
5.10pm-5.40 On the Road with Elinor (9756443)
6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (260511)
7.30-8.00 Homeground (511)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.25-12.30 My Story (1851917)
12.55 Emmerdale (4573882)
1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (31246085)
1.55 Home and Away (39528998)
2.25 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (19767646)
2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (6524530)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9756443)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (71040)
7.30-8.00 Check It Out! (511)
11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (827172)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away (4573882)
1.25 Cross Wits (31246085)
1.55 A Country Practice (69291356)
2.20 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (19768375)
2.50-3.20 Rustie's Real Cooks (2382375)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9756443)
6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (260511)
7.30-8.00 24 Hours (511)
11.40 Film: Car Wash (560511)
1.30am Late & Loud (59860)
2.30 Funny Business (79641)
3.00 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late (6950641)
3.55 Jobfinder (2914134)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
12.55pm Emmerdale (4573882)
1.25 Home and Away (31246085)
1.55 Shortland Street (69291356)
2.20 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (19768375)
2.50-3.20 Land Girls (2382375)
5.10 Home and Away (9756443)
5.37-5.40 Three Minutes (411356)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (375)
6.30-7.00 On Your Marks (627)
7.30-8.00 Danger Money (511)
11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (827172)
5.00am Freescreen (73399)

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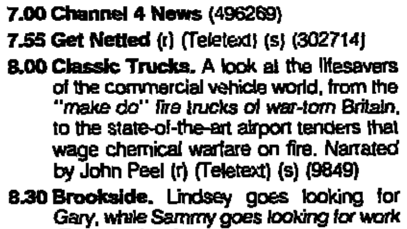
Starts: **6.30 Chicken Minute** (79424) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (18545) **9.00 The Golden Girls** (87356) **9.30 Ysgolion: Eureka!** (5688714) **9.45 Iaw!** (6138882) **10.10 Cr Sinn Is Carson** (6711917) **10.30 Using Museums** (76240) **11.00 Science In Focus** (3776646) **11.20 Stage One** (9353530) **11.35 Schools at Work** (5095207) **11.40 Gnvq — Is It for You?** (7802462) **12.00 House to House** (90820) **12.30pm Madeline** (28191) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (68022) **1.30 The Gaby Roslin Show** (5263424) **2.25 Channel 4 Racing From York** (88841581) **4.30 Rescue** (424) **5.00 5 Pump: Uned 5** (3527) **5.30 Fifteen to One** (284) **6.00 Newyddion** (132337) **6.15 Heno** (918646) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (460453) **7.25 Shotolau** (305578) **8.00 Rap** (9849) **8.30 Newyddion** (8356) **9.00 And the Beat Goes On** (7337) **10.00 Brookside** (559849) **10.35 Triumph of the Nerds** (639761) **11.35 Father Ted** (238581) **12.05am Gore Vidal's American Presidency** (4748757) **12.35 Painted Ladies** (3479660) **1.05 Get Netted** (6710270) **1.10 Close 4.00 Ysgolion** (2306863)

CHANNEL 4

6.30am Chicken Minute (r) (79424)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. More from the Cannes Film Festival (18545)
9.00 The Golden Girls (r) (Teletext) (s) (87356)
9.30 Schools: Eureka (5688714) **9.45 Stop Look Listen** (5683269) **10.00 Fourways Farm** (6023337) **10.10 Co Sinn Is Carson?** (6711917) **10.30 Using Museums** (76240) **11.00 Science In Focus** (3776646) **11.20 Stage One** (9353530) **11.35 Schools at Work** (5095207) **11.40 GNVQ — Is It For You?** (7802462)
12.00 House to House (90820)
12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (19646)
1.30 Ovide (39541849) **1.55 Australia Wild** (39519240)
2.25 Channel 4 Racing from York. Four races, introduced by Brough Scott (s) (88841581)
4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (424) **5.00 The Montel Williams Show** (Teletext) (s) (8119559) **5.50 Terrytoons** (414443)
6.00 The Avengers (r) (Teletext) (71022)
7.00 Channel 4 News (496269)
7.55 Get Netted (r) (Teletext) (s) (302714)
8.00 Classic Trucks. A look at the lifesavers of the commercial vehicle world, from the "make do" fire trucks of war-torn Britain, to the state-of-the-art airport tenders that wage chemical warfare on fire. Narrated by John Peel (r) (Teletext) (s) (9849)
8.30 Brookside. Lindsey goes looking for Gary, while Sammy goes looking for work (Teletext) (s) (8356)
9.00 Without Walls: Gore Vidal's American Presidency — Twilight. The veteran President-watcher concludes his examination of the American presidency by casting a formidable analytical eye over the period from the Cold War to the Gulf War (Teletext) (9066)



Vivienne Westwood (9.30pm)

9.30 **Without Walls: Painted Ladies — Nobility, Virtue, Morality** (Teletext) (15627)
10.00 The Boys of St Vincent. (1/2) Award-winning Canadian drama. A powerful exposé of the sexual abuse suffered by children at a church-run orphanage and its aftermath years later when those responsible were brought to trial. With Henry Czerny, Brian Dooley and Brian Dodd (r) (Teletext) (712627)
11.45 Big Mouth. Tony Parsons with more opinionated comment (913608)
12.50am World League Football (2401979)
1.25 FILM: Man's Castle (1933, b/w) starring Spencer Tracy as a man who commits a robbery in order to support his pregnant wife. With Loretta Young, Glenda Farrell and Walter Connolly. Directed by Frank Borzage (8816844). Ends at **2.35**
4.00 Schools: The English Programme (2306863). Ends at **4.50**

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (50801) **9.00** Press Your Luck (2465171) **9.20** Love Connection (9659578) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (4425578) **10.40** Jeopardy! (9816443) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (3964004) **12.00** Beechy (67004) **1.00pm** Hotel (43424) **2.00** Geraldo (14511) **3.00** Court TV (8998) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (7059743) **4.15** Undun (7309269) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2578) **6.00** The Simpsons (6269) **6.30** Jeopardy! (9379) **7.00** LAPD (3207) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9733) **8.00** Jag (13207) **9.00** The X-Files (93443) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (96530) **11.00** Melrose Place (47337) **12.00** Late Show (2037283) **12.45am** Civil Wars (9171009) **1.30** Anything But Love (57467) **2.00** Hit Mix (9138009)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
9.30am Fashion TV (26559) **10.30** ABC Nightline (34288) (697820) **1.30pm** CBS News (93733) **2.30** Parliament Live (2376795) **5.00** Live at Five (34563) **6.30** Tonight (99646) **7.30** Sportsline (87085) **8.30** Target (9004) **11.30** CBS News (64375) **12.30am** ABC World News (92028) **1.30** Tonight Replay (58950) **2.30** Target (87047) **3.30** Parliament Replay (82592) **4.30** CBS News (71399) **5.30** ABC World News (93080)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Five Fingers (1952) (39022) **8.00 The Last Days of Pompeii (1935)** (20350578) **9.40 The Age of Innocence (1993)** (90329004) **12.00 To My Daughter (1991)** (28714) **2.00pm Best Shot (1986)** (87882) **4.00 A Million to One (1993)** ([illegible]) **5.40 The Age of Innocence (1993)** (16610998) **8.00 Vanishing Son II (1994)** (85761) **10.00 Intersection (1994)** (884443) **11.40 Les Visiteurs (1994)** (113627) **1.30am The Star Chamber (1983)** (898485) **3.15 The All-American Boy (1973)** (60883554)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Back Street (1941) (9424) **6.00 Fixed Bayonets (1951)** (89288) **8.00 !!... (1988)** (84733) **10.00 From Hell to Victory (1979)** (530085) **11.50 Zelig (1983)** (387269) **1.10am Badman's Country (1958)** (7451134) **2.20-4.00 Desire (1936)** (514318)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Smiley Gets a Gun (1958) (39004) **8.00 Once Upon a Forest (1993)** (1884288) **9.10 The Garden (1994)** (1788424) **10.00 Raising a Riot (1955)** (57627) **12.00 Look Who's Talking Now (1993)** (26356) **2.00pm Witness to Murder (1954)** (85424) **4.00 Once Upon a Forest (1993)** (7658530) **5.10 The Garden (1994)** (6717269) **6.00 Prehysteria! 2 (1994)** (60375) **7.30 Special Feature** (2443) **8.00 Look Who's Talking Now (1993)** (85743) **10.00 Speed (1994)** (349795) **11.50 Born to Run (1993)** (918269) **1.30am Bad Lieutenant (1992)** (339318) **3.05 Subspecies (1991)** (7316660) **4.35 Prehysteria! 2 (1994)** (4694776)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am The Muppet Babies (92492356) **6.30** Ducktales (36839004) **7.00** Quack Attack (87717337) **7.30** Chip 'n' Dale (87729172) **8.00** Darkwing Duck (50557356) **8.30** Adventures in Wonderland (50556627) **9.00** Lamb Chop's Play-along! (50570207) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (54111085) **10.00** The Muppet Babies (36820356) **10.30** Welcome to Pooh Corner (50569191) **11.00** Under the Umbrella Tree (97963240) **11.00** Under the Umbrella Tree (97963240) **11.30** Dumbo's Circus (97971269) **11.30** Dumbo's Circus (97971269) **12.00** Walt Disney Presents (50550443) **12.55pm** FILM: The White Tower (95320023) **1.00** FILM: Escapade in Florence (92402733) **2.30** Deepwater Haven (45583917) **3.00** Ducktales (47556559) **3.30** Quack Attack (45587462) **4.00** Chip 'n' Dale (45573269) **4.30** Darkwing Duck (45580153) **5.00** Boy Meets World (47551004) **5.30** Danger Bay (45586733) **6.00** Tarzan (45583646) **6.30** Dinosaurs (45574998) **7.00** Thunder Alley (47531240) **7.30** FILM: Polly — Comin' Home (56786172) **9.00** Making of Muppet Treasure Island (97983004) **9.30-10.00** Dinosaurs (54102337)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Motorcycling (69004) **9.30** Speedworld (34733) **11.00** Football (97356) **12.00** Offroad (37998) **1.00pm** Duathlon (46646) **2.00** Live Tennis: The ATP Tour event from Roma, Italy (9429801) **6.00** Boxing (26882) **7.00** Four-Wheels (7801) **7.30** Live Tennis (60646) **9.30** Football (26801) **10.30** Snooker (11240) **12.00-12.30am** Trickshot (65221)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Max Out (72743) **7.30** Sports Unlimited (48608) **8.30** Racing News (91608) **9.00** Aerobics Oz Style (15288) **9.30** The Story of the Fa Cup 1995/6 (16337) **11.00** Benson and Hedges Cup Cricket: Exclusive live coverage from one of today's games (1901801) **7.00pm** Sky Sports Centre (326269) **7.05** Skit Sailing (242608) **7.30** Ringside Boxing on the Road (417511) **10.00** Sky Sports Centre (195627) **10.15** Benson and Hedges Cricket (544191) **12.15am** World Wide Rugby (973028) **2.15-2.30** Sky Sports Centre (9484979)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm FA Cup Classics (6456578) **11.30** The Golden Age of Motor Racing (4161917) **12.30am-1.00** Blood, Sweat and Glory (7567979)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kids TV **4.30** Jack Van Impe **5.00** Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Chronicles of Revival **6.15** Power for Living **6.45** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

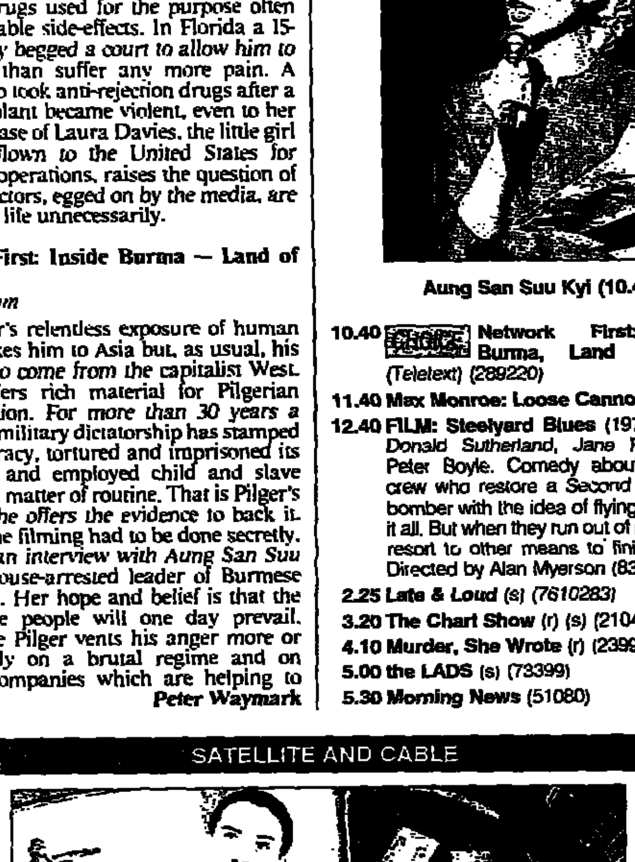
7.00am Guiding Light (8350375) **7.55** As the World Turns (2455608) **8.50** Peyton Place (7695462) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (1433882) **10.10-11.00** Another World (4501337)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (6649240) **11.30** Trailside (6657269) **12.00** Dive the World (7176375) **12.30pm** Bruce and Bob Eat America (3322240) **1.00** Getaway (8369838) **1.30** Around the World... in 30 Minutes (3321511) **2.00** Discover America (7531171) **3.00** Globetrotter (4243424) **3.30** Around the World in 30 Minutes (7997608) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop (99039462)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Bloody Hills of Peleliu (6663820) **5.00** The Changing Face of Britain (4267004) **6.00-7.00** Biography: Cleopatra (3347559)



Reeves and Bullock in *Speed* (The Movie Channel, 10.00pm)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

7.00pm FILM: The Andromeda Strain (7052153) **9.30** Robotech (3342004) **10.00** Close **1.00am** The Six Million Dollar Man (9184399) **2.00** FILM: Hanger 18 (4928405) **3.35-4.00** Sci-fi Buzz (31815028)

TLC

9.00am Painting (1622375) **9.30** Grow with Joe (7654998) **10.00** Dunbar (5534511) **10.30** Our House (1628559) **11.00** Room for Improvement (6183240) **11.30** Craftwise (6191269) **12.00** Julia Child (1603511) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (7658714) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (7499207) **1.30** Furniture to Go (7657085) **2.00** Our House (1826066) **2.30** The Garden Show (1856153) **3.00** It's a Vet's Life (1838801) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (1868998)

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (7469066) **7.30** Neighbours (7471801) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1601882) **8.30** EastEnders (1600153) **9.00** The Bill (1624733) **9.30** The Sullivans (7656356) **10.00** A Family Affair (7477085) **11.00** Bullseye (6192988) **11.30** Gibberish (7315288) **12.05pm** Sons and Daughters (55221559) **12.30** Neighbours (7650172) **1.00** EastEnders (5031288) **1.35** Sykes (7101284) **2.15** Robin's Nest (7686181) **2.50** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (9174066) **3.30** The Bill (1860356) **4.00** Minder (6116578) **5.00** Every Second Counts (7611846) **5.45** 'Allo 'Allo! (6119578) **6.25** EastEnders (4170004) **7.00** The Best of TOTP (2030337) **8.00** Bullseye (1848288) **8.30** Police Squad (1827795) **9.00** The Sweeney (2069849) **10.00** The Bill (4693269) **10.35** Classic Sport (4656135) **11.35** Miami Vice (9568578) **12.35am** FILM: Memphis (22721680) **2.05-3.00** Shopping (9790825)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (23882) **6.30** Degrassi Junior High (41714) **7.00** Ready or Not (73801) **7.30** California Dreams (69608) **8.00** Byker Grove (52733) **8.30** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (51004) **9.00** The New Pink Panther Show (42356) **9.30** Garfield (69375) **10.00** Eek the Cat (32066) **10.30** Creepy Crawlers (31240) **11.00** Casper (58820) **11.30** Dinobabies (66849) **12.00** Tiny TCC (55820) **12.30pm** Tiny TCC (58608) **1.30** Sesame Street (59337) **2.30** Tiny TCC (8424) **3.00** Eek the Cat (1882) **3.30** The New Pink Panther Show (3199) **4.00** California Dreams (2004) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove (8288)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Dungeons and Dragons (87066) **6.30** Galaxy High School (73288) **7.00** Mr Men (4826443) **7.05** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (3170153) **7.45** Rugrats (5689801) **8.00** Doug (4367153) **8.15** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (4380004) **8.30** Rocko's Modern Life (22578) **9.00** Biker Mice from Mars (40630) **9.30** The Littlest Pet Shop (50849) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (5239530) **10.05** Bananas in Pyjamas (5238801) **10.10** Baber (9678356) **10.35** Topsy and Tim (7262337) **10.40** Barney (7292578) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (7291849) **10.50** Bananas in Pyjamas (7272714) **11.00** Children's BBC (93530) **12.00** Magic School Bus (93066) **12.30pm** Grimmy (21337) **1.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (22266) **1.30** Visionaries (20608) **2.00** Littlest Pet Shop (6559) **2.30** Children's BBC (27443) **3.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (6627) **4.00** The Ferals (8462) **4.30** Rugrats (4173153) **4.45** Doug (4178608) **5.00** Sister Sister (7581) **5.30** Clarissa (5998) **6.00** Alex Mack (5611) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (9191)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Time Travellers (1870733) **4.30** Nature Nature (1876917) **5.00** Deep Probe Expeditions (1829153) **6.00** Paramedics (1857882) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (5945269) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (1877646) **8.00** Aircraft Carrier (2047627) **9.00** Hitler (2050191) **10.00** American Retro (2080578) **11.00-12.00** The Barefoot Bushman (7476356)

BRAVO

12.00 Robin Hood (1808337) **12.30pm** William Tell (7645240) **1.00** Jason King (7640795) **2.00** The Wild Wild West (5539066) **3.00** The Saint (6182511) **4.00** FILM: The Gods Must Be Crazy (1836443) **6.00** The Green Hornet (1851608) **6.30** The Persuaders (5932795) **7.30** Dead at 21 (1864172) **8.00** The Prisoner (2034153) **9.00** Alien Nation (2054917) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Tommy (6181882)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Diff'rent Strokes **7.30** Entertainment Tonight **8.00** Benson **8.30** Wings **9.00** Soap **9.30** Taxi **10.00** Entertainment Tonight **10.30** Dom and Kirk's Night O'Plenty **12.30am** Soap **1.00** Taxi **1.30** Laverne and Shirley **2.00** Entertainment Tonight **2.30** Bosom Buddies **3.00** Working Stiffs **3.30-4.00** Sledgehammer

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (8381578) **7.00** Esther (5039172) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (6057513) **8.20** Galdrags and Glamour (6183743) **8.30** Indoor Garden (6305240) **9.00** A Taste of Japan (6951511) **9.35** Kate and Allie (7163266) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (5449530) **10.05** Jerry Springer (2646462) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7104882) **11.55** Brookside (6818004) **12.30pm** Dangerous Women (7110820) **1.25** Catchword (9211191) **2.00** Agony (5117424) **3.00** Live at Three (8391153) **4.00** Infatuation UK (9706337) **4.30** Crosswits (2011849) **5.05** Lingo (15837608) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (9719801) **6.00** Bewitched (9718714) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (3427288) **7.05** Brookside (3149530) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (7594849) **8.00** Street Legal (1876424) **9.00** FILM: Consenting Adult (72511627) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (8641085) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files (5048820)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Boogies Diner (3827) **5.30** Night Hood (2240) **6.00** Batman (9153) **6.30** Catchphrase (3733) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (6191) **7.30** Me and the Boys (9917) **8.00** FILM: We're Fighting Back (97207) **10.00** Treasure Hunt (76714) **11.00** Neon Rider (99849) **12.00** Trivial Pursuit (81283) **12.30am** Me and the Boys (74405) **1.00** Batman (18028) **1.30** All Together Now (48757) **2.00** Big Brother Jake (57432) **2.30** Neon Rider (78979) **3.30** All Together Now (17979) **4.00** Trivial Pursuit (98844) **4.30-5.00** Night Hood (22221)

MTV

7.30am Boy Bands and Screaming Fans (81066) **8.00** Morning Mix Featuring Cinematic (182608) **11.00** Hit List UK (70714) **12.00** Greatest Hits (71356) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (55917) **3.00** Select MTV (39795) **4.00** Hanging Out (37658) **5.30** Dial MTV (1998) **6.00** Soap Dish (1511) **6.30** MTV Sports (5191) **7.00** US Top 20 Countdown (79801) **8.00** MTV Special (94882) **9.30** Amour (84849) **10.30** The Maxx (41627) **11.00** Alternative Nation (30356) **1.00am** Night Videos (3720863) **5.00** Awake on the Wildside (93486)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (8719379) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (2865578) **12.00** Heart and Soul (3343733) **1.00pm** The Vinyl Years (3329153) **2.00** Ten of the Best: Craig Charles (1236789) **3.00** Into the Music (5062443) **6.00** Happy Hour (3349917) **7.00** VH-1 for You (9513578) **8.00** Tuesday Review (9599998) **9.00** Ten of the Best (9502462) **10.00** The Vinyl Years (9512849) **11.00** Tommy Vance is the Nightfly (4148066) **1.00am** Ten of the Best: Sandie Shaw (9186757) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

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ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (86509608) **7.30** Asian Morning (28868511) **8.30** Zee Presents (47809172) **9.00** Neelakuyileh Kannama (47890424) **9.30** Naaye Tarane (57023085) **10.00** Kurukshetra (29807627) **10.30** Andaz (47896608) **11.00** Khoobsurat (18155511) **11.30** Public Demand (17416530) **12.30pm** Buniyaad (57027801) **1.00** Gujarati FILM: Alakh Niranjan (55019789) **4.00** FLU (59719004) **4.30** Filmi Chakkar (59715288) **5.00** Zee Zone (19661801) **5.30** Hum Zameen (59798240) **6.00** Dance Mania (59796153) **6.30** Zee and U (59710733) **7.00** Awaaz Nayee Andaz Wahi (19658337) **7.30** Sitaron Ka Karvan (59716917) **8.00** News (19667085) **8.30** Darrar (19679820) **9.00** Chalo Cinema (18175375) **9.30** Kya Scene Hai (57014337) **10.00** Urdu Serial (65856288) **11.00** Aap Ki Adalat (18170820) **11.30-12.00** Concert Footage (29896511)

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7.00pm Third Finger, Left Hand (1940) (87728443) **9.00 Kissin' Cousins (1964)** (32522714) **11.00 Little Caesar (1931)** (29579375) **12.25am The Treasure of Monte Cristo (1961)** (60339950) **2.00 Adventures of Tartu (1943)** (93111134) **3.50-5.00 The Man Without a Face (1935)** (18241283)

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PERFORMANCE

7.00pm Alberta Hunter **8.00** Aria **8.30** Napoli **10.15** Opera Stories: Otello **11.15** Guttarra **11.45** Aria **12.00-1.00am** Joe Williams

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Back's push on referee brings six-month ban

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

NEIL BACK, the Leicester flanker, completed a miserable climax to his club's season when he received a six-month suspension from the Rugby Football Union (RFU) yesterday for pushing Steve Lander, the referee, at the end of the Pilkington Cup final against Bath ten days ago.

However, since the punishment dates from the time of the offence, Back, 27 and capped five times by England, will miss only two months of the new season. He can resume playing on November 4 but will miss sundry overseas trips during the summer and Leicester's pre-season tour of South Africa.

For that reason, there will be criticism that the punishment has not been more severe since assault on a match official is the worst crime in rugby's canon, carrying with it the potential for a life ban. On this occasion, however, the RFU panel of Bob Rogers, Peter Trunkfield and Bob Taylor — the latter, like Back, a former international back-row forward — has come near the mark with its verdict.

They have taken the circumstances of the match and Back's exemplary record into account, accepted the player's version of events, but balanced that against the damage done to the image of the game as portrayed through the unforgiving eye of the television camera. Hence the phrasing of their judgment, after a 4½-hour hearing at which Back and his club were represented, which described his conduct as "prejudicial to the interests of the game".

That is unarguable, which makes it the more disappointing that Leicester have not accepted straightaway the panel's decision. "The club and Neil were given every opportunity to put their case at the hearing, which was conducted in a fair manner," a statement said. "We were, however, disappointed at the severity of the sentence, but will defer considering an appeal until the written decision of the panel is received."

Back agreed what is understood to be a five-year contract with Leicester only last week and he is to discuss the financial implications with Peter Wheeler, the club chief executive. It is likely that he will not suffer financially, though he will regret missing a charity tour to the Ivory Coast later this month, in aid of the Max Brito fund, and the possibility of a trip with the Barbarians to Japan.

"We have had an awful few weeks, narrowly missing out in league and cup," Wheeler said, "but at least Neil knows that his version of events is believed by both the club and the RFU and that he has the support of the club."

The reaction of the newly-formed Rugby Union Players Association (Rupa) was admirably succinct. "There has been concern about the attitude of players on the field in the professional era, but, amateur or pro, the referee's word is law and nobody should put that fact in jeopardy," Richard Moon, the Rupa secretary, said.

"Obviously the RFU felt that the game had been brought into disrepute and we support this attempt to uphold the good name of rugby. We don't want to go down the road of the other sports where the officials are abused and jostled by players.

"Rugby players will be reminded by this ban that they are in the shop window and watched by millions of youngsters."

Such is the effect of the television camera, which can beam an image round the globe and replay it time after time. It takes no account of the view at players' eye-level, set against a backdrop of heaving humanity in the crowd, or of the dramatic circumstances of a cup final lost to a controversial penalty-try decision taken by the referee minutes earlier.

As one of the senior clubs courting television money, Leicester will have to live with that image. Sixteen months ago, a junior club player in Devon was banned for life for hitting the referee; Back, who has pleaded that he mistook Lander for Andy Robinson, the Bath flanker, was guilty of no more than a disappointed push, but the ill-disciplined impression remains.

Back was not available for comment, but Lander, from Liverpool, was satisfied with the verdict. "The principle of not laying hands on the referee has been upheld," he said. "There has always been a good relationship between players and referees. You can always talk to them afterwards and let's hope that continues."

☐ Francois Pienaar, who was due to lead the Barbarians against Ireland at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, has withdrawn because of injury.

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Cockerill, the Leicester hooker, centre, helps Lander to his feet as Back turns away. Photograph: Marc Aspland

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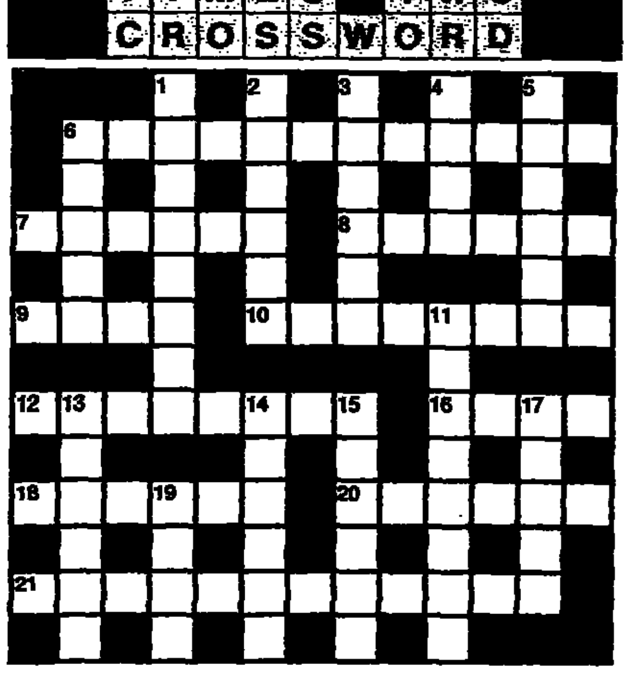

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7 Sunder (6)
8 Headdress of wound cloth (6)
9 Go fast: hit; clothing accessory (4)
10 Reduce by one-tenth (8)
12 Like an angel (8)
16 Flier - bird or toy (4)
18 Gain (6)
20 Supply copiously; delight (6)
21 Tax-evading sector (5,7)

DOWN
1 Monastery walk (8)
2 Execute on Tower Green (6)
3 Fevered; very busy (6)
4 Sullenly obstinate (4)
5 Bestow, relate (6)
6 Very light brown (5)
11 Succeed; repair (4,4)
13 Forerunner (6)
14 Samuel —, Erewhon author (6)
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17 Correspond; score, mark (5)
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Follett asserts his growing supremacy over the Durham batsmen by removing Campbell's middle stump

Follett able to scale new heights after conquering Lord's slope

By Simon Wilde

LORD'S (final day of four): Middlesex (20pts) beat Durham (5) by 306 runs

DAVID FOLLETT, a little-known member of the Middlesex playing staff, returned the best bowling figures in a match at Lord's for 20 years when he destroyed Durham with a return of eight for 22 yesterday. His performance gave Middlesex the easiest of wins, Durham being dismissed for just 67, the lowest total of the season and their lowest in five years as a first-class county.

Follett, 27, playing in only his third first-class match, came on at the Pavilion End to bowl the thirteenth over of the day at 11.48am, Durham having ostensibly begun the task of attempting to score 374 to win. He dismissed Roseberry leg-before with his first ball and, within 2½ hours — which included the 40-minute lunch interval — the match was completed, Follett claiming all his wickets in the course of 74 balls.

His second victim was Campbell, Durham's overseas player, who scored 23 and was the only man to reach double-figures. The West Indies opener was bowled middle stump playing for swing that did not materialise; but Follett did move the ball around at other times — movement sometimes exaggerated, of course, by the natural slope of the Lord's ground.

The slope played its part in the dismissals of Hutton, the left-hander, who was caught superbly by Carr at slip, and Collingwood, deceived into padding up and trapped leg-before, in Follett's fifth over. In his seventh, Foster was bowled by a swinging full toss and, in his eighth, Daley was caught behind from a ball of extra bounce.

Durham tottered into lunch on 49 for seven, when the strippling Follett, sporting figures of six for 16, led his team into the pavilion for the first, but not the last, time. Refreshed, but perhaps distracted after reflecting on his earlier success, he resumed with two lacklustre overs. Scott, often an obdurate customer, then obligingly played a poor shot into the hands of Weekes at first slip and, although Fraser claimed the next wicket, Follett was not to be denied the scalp of Betts, the last man.

Upon that dismissal, Follett stooped and kissed the pitch, as well he might. He took five first-innings wickets in the defeat by Gloucestershire at Lord's earlier this month, but otherwise his greatest claim to fame had been opening the bowling with Dominic Cork for the under-19 team in his native Staffordshire.

Follett came to the attention of several counties after gathering a clutch of wickets for Staffordshire in 1994 and, after he had appeared for three other county's second XIs, Middlesex offered him terms. His 1995 season was, however, ruined by a serious foot injury and, but for injuries to senior players, he would not have got his chance so soon this year.

Given the opportunity, he bowled with great accuracy and made good use of an occasional quicker ball, but it would be unfair to describe him as the "finished article".

Even he knows that he could have done better. "I did not bowl as well as I can," he said. "My line was pretty good, but my length could have been more consistent." He seemed completely unfazed by turning in the best figures at cricket's headquarters since Paddy Clift, of Leicestershire, who took eight for 17 against MCC in 1976.

This defeat will be another sobering experience for Durham, who could hardly blame a pitch that exhibited far less variable bounce than on the first day.

They needed somebody to graft their way through the day, but nobody was forthcoming. Morris might have been, but he was adjudged caught at silly point off Tufnell, the only contentious decision of the day.

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Follett, left, is congratulated by Gatting, his captain

Jackson sets out to claim long jump record

From David Powell
athletics correspondent
in Nuremberg

COLIN JACKSON is to give up his European 110 metres hurdles title in an attempt to break the oldest British athletics record in the book. Jackson, the sprint hurdles world record-holder, said here yesterday that he plans to attack Lynn Davies's British long jump mark, set in 1968.

Who will teach him the tricks of his new trade? "Lynn has said he will coach me," Jackson said. The record, now 28 years unchallenged, has become an embarrassment to British athletics, but competition to break it will hot up soon. Jonathan Edwards, the triple jump world record-holder, has also said that, at some stage soon, he will attempt to beat Davies's record. A head-to-head on the thirtieth anniversary of the record in 1998 is something that the British Athletic Federation promotions office should start thinking about.

Both athletes are sponsored by Puma, which has provided a financial incentive in each man's contract to break the British record. Edwards has until 1998 to beat Jackson to it. That is European championships year, when he intends to concentrate on the long jump "to the exclusion of the hurdles". Jackson has been European hurdles champion since 1990.

He was an outstanding teenage long-jumper, recording 7.96 metres wind-assisted and 7.68 metres legally. Davies's record is 8.23 metres.

"It is really going to be down to him [Davies] to put the time in to coach me," Jackson said. "He keeps showing me how far it is, but he always tells me I can do it." Both men come from Cardiff.

For the next two summers, Jackson will concentrate on trying to win his first Olympic gold medal and regain his world title in the hurdles. After 1998, he will return to hurdling, he said.

Harding's bridges burnt by Bates

By Alyson Rudd and Alasdair Murray

THE power struggle at Stamford Bridge between Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, and Matthew Harding, one of the club's leading directors, is seemingly over. With the uneasy truce of the past months ended by a Stock Exchange announcement yesterday, the clear indication was that Bates had gained the upper hand.

The price of success for Bates is, effectively, £10 million. The statement yesterday declared that the agreement between the two protagonists for Harding to invest such a sum in the club, in return for greater influence at Chelsea and the title of vice-chairman, had been scrapped. Harding remains a Chelsea director and £5 million of his existing loan stock in the club was converted yesterday into 14 million ordinary shares. This leaves Harding, a reinsurance businessman, as the third-largest shareholder with a holding of 12 per cent.

The value of the club's shares was not affected by the announcement.

Relations between Bates and Harding have deteriorated during the past year, reaching almost comic proportions when Bates banned Harding from the directors' box last November. Their subsequent pact was, it transpires, built on shaky foundations. The main sticking-point, from Harding's point of view, was a lack of information on who controls Chelsea Village, the club's parent company. Without that information, Harding's advisers told him that further investment in the club would not be advisable.

Bates said yesterday that another wealthy investor keen to help Ruud Gullit, the new Chelsea player-manager, to strengthen his squad had contacted him. Bates said of Harding: "It was put up or shut up time. He played a game of politics that backfired on him." Bates said that Gullit's reported £1.2 million-a-year salary is funded by profits generated by club turnover and not by Harding. "Mr Harding created a great mystique," Bates said.

Harding's wealth is estimated at £64 million. He bought the freehold of Stamford Bridge for £16.5 million from under the nose of Bates after the latter had negotiated a short-term lease for the ground. The club now pays rent of £250,000 a year to Harding. In theory, Harding could wield some power by calling in the £5 million that he lent the club for transfer fees, but Bates said that the club could withstand such action by selling players.

Gullit has yet to sign his new contract as player-manager, but he appeared unconcerned by developments yesterday. He said: "I have my transfer budget and this will not affect it. It is nothing to do with the team or the players, it is to do with the club. All I'm interested in is that this thing is resolved as quickly as possible for the benefit of Chelsea."

Gullit would like to attract other high-profile international players, such as Gianluca Vialli, the Juventus forward, to Chelsea, but their wages would be high and Gullit will need reassurances from Colin Hutchinson, the Chelsea managing director, that funds will be available.

One effect of Harding's involvement in the past year has been to throw the spotlight on Chelsea Village and what impact its development plans will have on the football club, which is one of six operating subsidiaries. Bates controls 30.3 million of the Chelsea Village shares, but the bulk of the remaining 89 million shares are held by overseas investors, the identity of whom Bates has withheld.

☐ Middlesbrough are today expected to announce the signing of Emerson, the FC Porto midfield player, for about £4 million. He would follow Juninho and Branco as the latest Brazilian to move to the Riverside Stadium.

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Have you got it insured?

Thousands queue at the *Antiques Roadshow* only to be told that their 'treasures' are junk, says **Giles Coren**

PETER TREVNOR

Jason Smith, above, arrives at the Roadshow *with his grandmother's painting of The Needles — to be told it is "useful for decoration". Others queue for up to five hours*

WHERE once they would have gathered in the faint hope of loaves and fish, an assembly of 5,000 in the late 1990s is after richer pickings. The discovery of undreamt-of wealth is top of the list, along with the chance to appear, however fleetingly, on a BBC television show and to shake hands with Hugh Scully.

These are the disciples of the *Antiques Roadshow*, come to touch the coat-tails of their masters at the Royal Naval Museum in Portsmouth, where the second episode in the new series is being filmed. The horde plods in deferential semi-silence around an imaginary maze like pre-democracy Russians in a bread queue — and with as much chance of hearing good news at the end.

The *Roadshow* is a broadcasting enigma. While viewing figures in general have been declining in the face of the cable and satellite challenge, the *Roadshow* has just finished its most successful series ever, reaching more than 14 million viewers.

"I have often described it as a conversation between two people with 13 million eavesdroppers," says Hugh Scully, nursing a large Glenmorangie in a Portsmouth hotel the night before filming. "It is a people show. Their humour and their personality make it work. The antiques are ancillary. It is the quintessential BBC programme, fulfilling the Reithian ideal of education, information and entertainment in equal measures."

A more cynical viewpoint might see the show as the thinking person's *The Price Is Right*. Show the object, allow time for its value to be guessed and then reveal the truth — to the joy or despair of the contestant. Revelations of huge worth satisfy the lottery factor — fifteen THOUSAND pounds! — and the exposing of fakes or reproductions lets us revel in *Schadenfreude*.

We all love to hear the little old man, who is told his rocking chair is worth ten grand, say: "I'd never sell it. It was my father's," and cry "Rubbish!" at the screen. And we love to see people's eyes pop out of their heads at the mention of large sums of money despite all their attempts at decorum and protestations that "I had no idea".

But that does not adequately explain why 5,000 people snaked around the forecourt of the Royal Naval Museum at nine o'clock on a Thursday morning in drizzling rain, carrying plastic bags full of chipped crockery and Ikea coffee tables.

The majority are old women, and the items most in evidence are folding chairs, fashioned in aluminium at the turn of the decade, most of them supporting elderly bottoms, and not for sale at any price.

The odd sore thumb sticks out. Jason Smith is 26 and wears khaki combat trousers, army boots, crew-cut hair and rings through his ears and nose. "My mum and dad are at work but I'm unemployed, so I've come down with the family treasures. I've got a one-inch pistol, a 70-year-old doll and a painting of boats on The Needles which belonged to my grandmother. She died in October and I always promised her I'd take it to the *Roadshow* if it ever came to Portsmouth. I wouldn't sell it because I was close to my nan. But if it was worth as much as, like, a National Lottery rollover, then I'd have to think about it."

Dave Aldred, a pensioner who has been queueing since 7am, is equally adamant that he won't sell his pigeon-timer, and an elderly man who has been there since 5am claims he will cling on to his wooden cup at all costs.

In the hall itself there is orderly bustle. There is no breaking of ranks, for places in the queue are too precious. And the junk on show is extraordinary. For every object that makes it on to a recorded programme there are perhaps a thousand that are passed over. The queues file up to their chosen expert — you can tell the experts because they wear either a bow-tie or facial hair — and after four or five hours' queueing each person gets about a minute. There is seldom the preamble you see on television — just a couple of questions: *How long have they had it? Do they like it?* Followed by an *estimate of date, place of* manufacture and value.

The more popular the expert, the briefer the audience. At David Battie's table it goes like this: "NEXT! Right, late 19th century, mass produced I'm afraid, not really worth much, thank you. NEXT! Yes, both of you, one on either side. Factory stuff again, 1920s, very nice though, wouldn't fetch anything at auction."

Eventually, of course, something good comes up. Then the expert dashes off with it to find the producer. The cameras roll in and the full monty is provided. The owner is not told anything in the meanwhile. Onlooking eyes glaze over while the history of the thing is explored and then light up again when we get to the "How much did you pay for it?" bit. Salivating begins at the "Tell me, have you got it insured?" and by the time he is into the sentence that begins: "It is all about finding the right buyer, but at auction . . ." they are hopping up and down. And then he says: "Three thou . . ." and the crowd has dispersed before the word is finished. The performance is over.

For most, however, the cameras do not come. And, like good British subjects, the disappointed punters take it on the chin. Jason Smith is exemplary. Still 45 minutes from the front of the queue, he is sanguine: "I'll only mind if it turns out to be a dud."

Tim Wonnacot, meanwhile, who presides over the miscellaneous table, is shown a pile of old records, a Sooty glove puppet with no fur, a Vitalite tub full of plastic chess pieces, a game of Bezique, a plastic doll — "Ideally, dolls should have a porcelain head," he says politely, "and date before this century" — and heaps of teddy bears.

Jane Bleen, who has brought "everything I own because I need the money", shows him a "jim-jam case in the shape of a teddy that went to the cleaners during the war and came back without his growl". Her husband has a broken cow creamer (£30) and a toy carpenter's set. A man with a sauce boat, missing its saucer, is advised to take it home and put gravy in it.

Bizarre snippets of knowledge waft in the air — "A brooch probably torn off a kimono" . . . "This is a standard bottle, not strictly collectible" . . . "Your old Bible from school? What happened to the cover?". And every now and then: "Jug, 1930s, £5."

"Most of the stuff has no financial value," says jewellery man John Benjamin, "but I can get interested in anything. The important thing is to be nice to the bringers, and let them down gently."

The repertoire of euphemisms is impressive — "A thing of purpose" . . . "a collectible of the future". One man who hopes he has an early example of a Japanese cine camera is told: "Not an *early* example as such, but certainly an example."

Peter Nahum, the iconoclastic picture man, is passed a G.F. Watts by a co-expert, unsure of whether it is an original, and drops the euphemism of the afternoon. He holds the picture to the light for a couple of seconds, turns to the owner and says: "*Almost* unique."

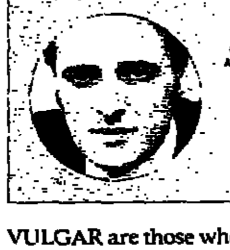
"It is a very personal thing, having your treasures judged in public," says Mr Scully. "Sometimes they do not respond well. One woman on the Isle of Wight thought she had a Constable. When the expert said it was a copy, she just wouldn't believe him, and after 20 minutes' arguing stalked off. But you can understand it. For 20 years she had been showing people into the drawingroom and saying 'Here is the Constable.' Then it is exposed as a copy in front of 13 million people."

Just then I spotted Jason Smith again, peeling away from Peter Nahum's table. It was 3pm, more than five hours since I had first seen him in the queue. His was not a Constable either.

"Five hours and he says '*useful for decoration*'. You have to laugh." He does. "He said it was a chromolithograph, a sort of photocopy they used to do 100 years ago, of a painting by an unknown artist."

And he laughs again. "It's bloody worthless."

Set snobs alight



SIGN OF THE TIMES

by Guy Walters

VULGAR are those who tell of their visits to expensive restaurants or exotic lands. Conversations that begin, "When I was in Rio . . .", or, "That reminds me of something we were talking about at Le Caprice . . .", are regularly issued by destination snobs.

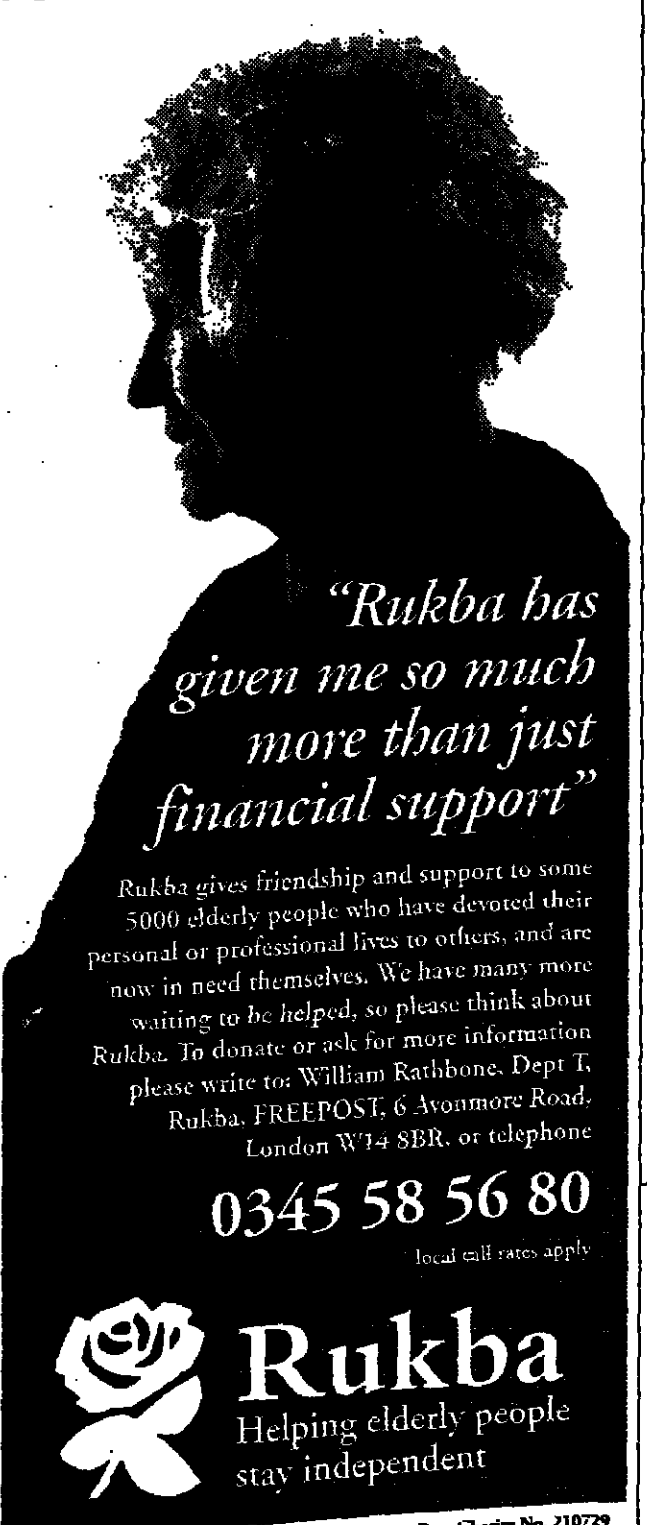
But many of these vulgarians are opting for a more subtle means of revealing their globe-trotting and capacious stomachs. Their tool is the humble matchbox.

Even for non-smokers, matchboxes bearing the name of some suitably pukka restaurant or hotel are an ideal form of non-verbal indication of superior lifestyle. The appeal of these grand-looking parcels of ferrophosphorus-dipped splinters is impossible to underestimate. Witness the Halifax's latest poster campaign. Above the words, "There's more to life than a mortgage", the advertisement shows a battery of matchboxes from places such as Cliveden, L'Escargot and Mezzo. With barely any intrinsic worth, the matchbox is a priceless symbol of a vast disposable income; someone who flourishes a Tante Claire matchbox is unlikely to drive a second-hand Ford Escort.

Yet this *allumette*-posturing is still vulgar. The whole point of using them is for others to notice. After all, they are to restaurants and hotels what carrier bags are to shops; cheap, portable advertisements that make the bearer as much a commercial pawn as the bygone sandwich board man.

The ultimate in matchbox snobbery is the basket or bowl which acts as a receptacle for countless examples. This can usually be found in the drawing-room. It screams "We've been everywhere!"

The appeal of the "destination matchbox" is unlikely to die out. Perhaps the only way to counter it is to refuse a light from someone who has one. Alternatively, why not produce a box of Bryant & May matches and say, "Oh look! These came from High Wycombe! You mean you've never been there?"



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Is France leaving us behind?

Anatole Kaletsky says growth can be achieved the French way

When President Chirac arrives in London this morning, he will have to face something more daunting than a plate of roast beef. He will be made to confront his country's economic failure — its 12 per cent unemployment and its inability to compete in the world. He will be told there is no such thing as "a European third way" between Anglo-Saxon capitalism and socialist central planning. He will hear from John Major himself that scepticism about a single currency is motivated by plain British common sense: our economic approach happens to work, while Europe's does not.

But Mr Major should watch out. The French President might meet all this condescension with a simple question: "What exactly does Britain have to crow about?"

France, after all, overtook Britain some 30 years ago to become the world's fourth largest economy. And it is not just a matter of statistics. By most measures of the quality of life — from income per head to gastronomy or the preservation of rural traditions — the French are doing better. They have excellent public and private transport, a lavishly generous health service, and schools that put ours to shame. They even own 70 per cent of the Channel Tunnel.

Yes, say the Eurosceptics, but all that is history. Since the Thatcher revolution, the tables have been turned. With our flexible markets, low taxes and dynamic entrepreneurs, we are catching up. We will soon overtake France, along with the rest of sclerotic Europe. This is a fine argument but for a small problem: it is not true.

Some indicators, including the oft-quoted rate of unemployment, do show Britain doing better than France, but in terms of long-term growth and job creation, there has been no improvement in Britain's relative position since 1979. In fact between 1979 and 1995, Britain had exactly the same average growth rate of 1.9 per cent, and the same paltry rate of job creation, 0.17 per cent a year.

Even on unemployment, Britain has a dubious record. Male unemployment is actually higher in Britain, even after three years of recovery, than it is in France in the depth of recession: 11 per cent against 10.8 per cent.

Britain's jobless figures are flattered by remarkably low female unemployment: 4.3 per cent in Britain against 14.9 per cent in France. Women are, of course, as entitled to jobs as men. But should we be so very proud of a society in which families cannot support themselves unless mothers take low-paid, part-time jobs of the kind which many French women seem to reject?

But what about the prospect? Looking ahead, surely things in Britain are getting better while France is going from bad to worse? I myself used to believe this. But recently two things have changed.

We in Britain have failed to build on the reforms of the 1980s to try to catch up with Europe. Instead, the Treasury and the Bank of England have deliberately stifled the economy to keep growth down to a miserable "trend" rate between 2.2 and 2.5 per cent, a rate which countries like France are probably capable of achieving even without deregulation or trade union reform. In France, meanwhile, I sense changes in the opposite direction.

The French seem to have won their long battle with the Bundesbank. It now looks as if the single currency will be created on French terms — with the Maastricht targets softened, and European currencies devalued against the dollar and yen. If you believe, as I do, that the main cause of France's unemployment was never economic "rigidity", but the French élite's obsession with apeing German monetary policy, this is an immensely important change.

From next year onwards, low interest rates and a weaker franc could allow France to grow considerably faster than Britain's self-imposed speed limit of 2.5 per cent. And faster growth would produce a surge of job creation, as it did from 1986 to 1989. If, in the meantime, Britain sticks to defeatist caution, the gap that separates us from France, far from narrowing, will again start to widen.

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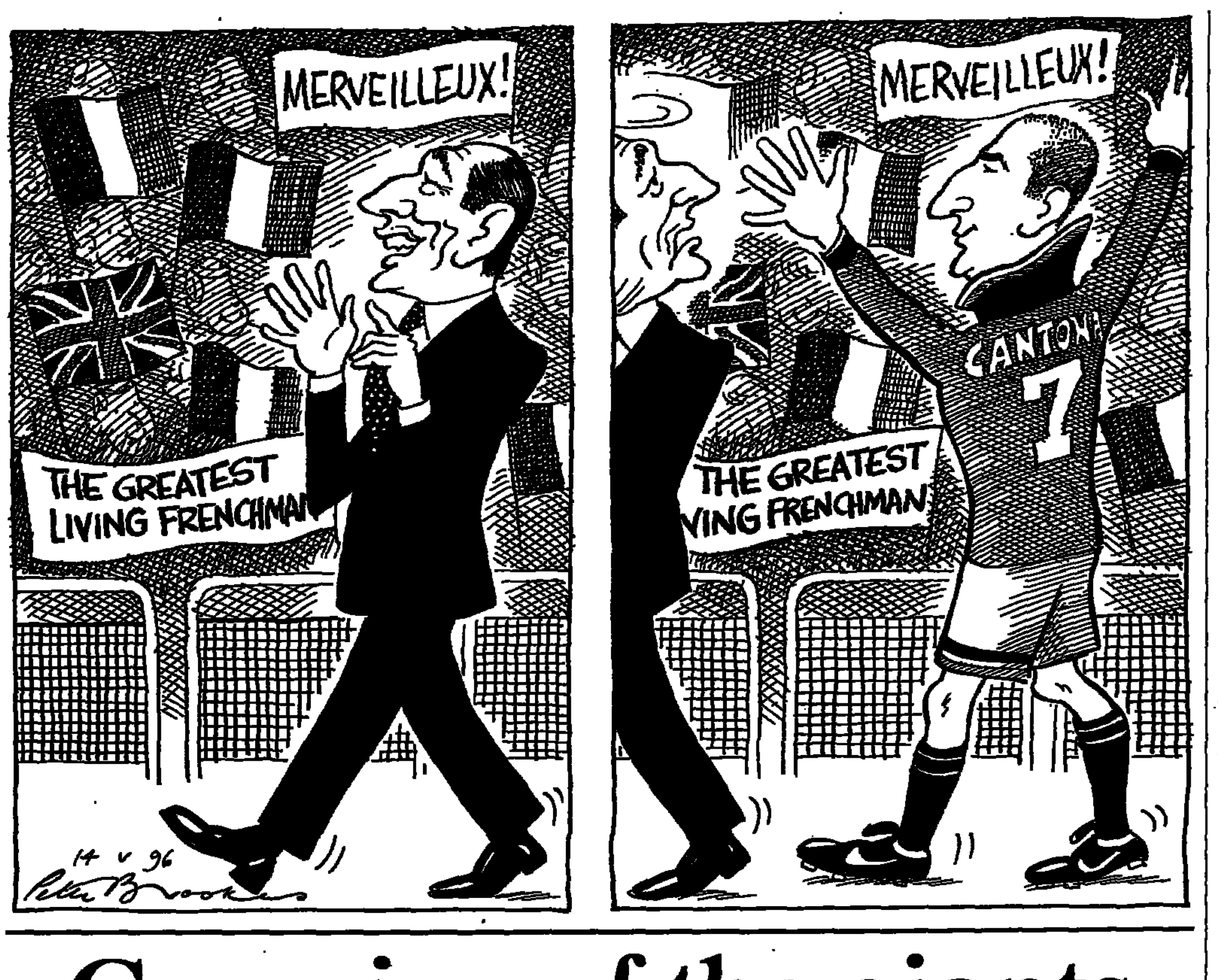
If this happens, it will not prove that Britain's reforms were wrong or that the French are better off with a highly regulated economy. It will prove only that markets can work in societies of all kinds. Just as the human race can prosper in all kinds of climates as long as it has the basic requirements of food, water and fuel, so the market system is adaptable enough to function under a wide variety of tax, regulatory and political regimes — provided it gets the oxygen of demand.

The question now is which country will be more willing to supply that oxygen. If we in Britain really believe that our economic structures are stronger than Europe's, we should be confident enough to run our economy at a much higher growth-rate than Germany or France. Yet all British politicians are united in thinking that rapid growth would lead straight to inflationary disaster.

Britain once might have proved that Thatcherite market economics really would produce a "tiger economy" with rapid rates of growth. But John Major threw away that chance, first as Chancellor in 1989, and then as Prime Minister in the years after Black Wednesday. Now, with the Bundesbank's grip slipping, the Europeans may have a chance to try out their "third way" in earnest, and so see if it can produce faster growth and more jobs. There is no reason, apart from xenophobia, to assume they will fail.



Greening of the giants

Multinationals are boycotting industrial fishing — in their own interest

Libby Purves

As you read this, all being well, I shall be on the sea surface, coasting from the southern North Sea down-Channel towards Land's End. In a small boat these days one's mind turns surprisingly often to the seabed; not for any morbid reason, but because of a growing unease about what is happening down there. You do not need to be a marine scientist to know that something is going wrong. If you sail round Britain, there are points — usually in the North and West, open to the Atlantic — where the sea looks and smells pleasantly alive, with swooping birds and evidence of fish in careless natural abundance. Equally, there are places where it becomes dead: the North Sea has grown visibly more moribund and polluted in the past two decades. The effects of modern industrial overfishing are clear: fewer fish mean fewer birds, seals and dolphins.

It is not just a matter of the obvious edible fish, the ones over which our fishermen and Europe's quarrel so vocally. The big white fish are theoretically protected by international legislation — but the craziness of EU quotas is that they can only police the landing, not the fishing, so the prime effect of all this fuss is to make fishermen dump the smaller fish back into the sea, dead, doing nobody any good at all. That is bad enough, but all the time an even greater enemy of sea life flourishes totally unrestricted: the industrial fisheries in which extremely fine nets and seabed scoops are used to take millions of small, "low-value" fish.

At least, the sprats and sand-eels and pout may be low-value to us, but they are invaluable to bigger fish, such as cod and haddock, for which they are the staple food. They are also life and death to seabirds. These thousand thousand slimy things beneath the slimy sea are the basis of marine life. Yet, heedless of the effects which are already evident (fish scarcity, frequent crashes in the population of UK-nesting birds such as puffins), we efficiently scoop and scrape them up, year after year, so they can be made into fishmeal and fish oils for the food industry (have you any soft margarine in your fridge?)

This material also goes into fertilisers for intensive crops, and into cheap protein feed for livestock (which is why intensively reared chickens have a fishy aftertaste). This is an enormous, wasteful industry, and one which environmentalists routinely protest about. The British Government's panel on sustainable development, chaired by Sir Crispin Tickell, acknowledged the damage done by industrial fishing; even now, Greenpeace is out there in the North Sea to intercept the sand-eel boats. But the EU, for all its pettifogging fuss about far lesser issues, sets neither quotas nor minimum mesh sizes for the industrial fisheries.

But all this despoliation happens a long way down and out of sight, and involves nothing furry or appealing: so as I wrote angrily in the boat's log once, "The seabed has no vote".

Still, something has happened this spring which makes the seabed's disenfranchisement a lot less important. Environmental groups such as the World Wide Fund for Nature have more or less given up on politicians. While useless governmental agencies shadow-box endlessly about Spanish trawlers, WWF has quietly entered into an agreement with Unilever — the world's biggest seafood supplier — to set up the Marine Stewardship Council, an independent body which intends to "establish a broad set of principles for sustainable fishing and set standards for individual fisheries". It will produce a logo, to allow consumers to see what they are buying.

All right, a talking-shop: but stop yawning in that cynical manner, because there is more. Unilever, a massively rich multinational not famous for its sentimentality, is putting its money where its mouth is. Three weeks ago it pledged that within a year it will completely stop using fish-oil derived from this non-sustainable industrial fishing in European waters. (As for other waters, it is doing rapid research with further boycotts in view.) Unilever is not doing this for mere green credibility — the fish-oil it processes does not go into its own brands, such as Bird's Eye anyway — but because fish is a large part of its business worldwide. The company is big and rich; it has no electorate to pander to; it can afford to take a longer view than either small companies or governments. This view it has taken, and all things considered it would rather face a moderate financial disadvantage now than an ecological disaster in the long run. Its interests coincide with those of the cod and haddock. As users or processors of more than 10 per cent of the world's fish-oil it carries considerable financial clout, and the industry will have to adjust itself to this action.

Unilever is not quite alone. Two days after that announcement, Sainsbury's made another: within a twelvemonth it will have phased out fish-oil from biscuits, cakes, pastries and margarines. It is also involved in the new Marine Stewardship Council. Again, other chains will have to take notice, lest a march be stolen on them; and again, Sainsbury's motive is not piety or PR. Seafood consumption is rising (assisted just now by the prissy public dread of "red meat") and the health of nearby fish stocks is of commercial value to supermarketeers on this North Sea island. So it has come about that the environmentalists and their scientists have persuaded these large companies to act more responsibly towards the environment, by appealing to their self-interest.

The principle could extend farther and faster than we think. After a decade in which environmental action meant the boom and decline of "green" labels — many of them fairly worthless — and politicians making lavish promises at Rio and doing next to nothing, these last years of the century are giving birth to a new alliance: a type of ruthless, unsentimental large-scale action which entirely bypasses governments. After years of mutual suspicion and tension, the environmentalists and the industrialists, the sandals and the suits, are working things out together without reference to the windy posturing and nervous indecision of elected politicians. If other big companies in Europe follow Unilever and the disgraceful overuse of fish protein in feeds and fertilisers declines simply because the companies fear it running out, there will be nothing whatsoever that the EU Governments can do to change things back or prop up the industrial fisheries in the myopic way they prop up intensive farming. If that happens, the market will die and the sea will live: all because big commerce wants it to, and can afford to take a long view, and is willing to bully small commerce into line.

Mulling over these matters among the tumbling Channel waves, I find the idea at times oddly worrying. It brings us a step closer to government by multinational, to the day when our vote is irrelevant to many of the decisions which really matter and the control of capitalism is complete. Environmental pressure groups may soon stop bothering to turn up at Westminster, and do their persuading in boardrooms instead.

At other times the thought is stimulating, and I say to the waves, fine: let suits and sandals reign! One lot have the money and the organisational talent, the other lot have the burning ideals and the vision. Let them sort it out between them. Perhaps there will be other small-scale instances of the same odd alliance. Take the squatters on Guinness's Wandsworth wasteland, who have come down from the Newbury trees with their yurts and dulcimers and determination to bring socialist permaculture to the 13 acres of inner city which the brewers have left derelict for seven years because the planners would not let them build big. Perhaps an accommodation will be reached between squatters and company faster than we think. Guinness might decide that its public relations and real interests lie closer to the intruders than anyone thinks. Already the tents bear cheeky signs saying "Greenness is good for you". So just imagine it: the company might use its clout and corporate lawyers to force through planning permission for a model yurt city in Wandsworth surrounded by goats and maize, and act as genial midwives and patrons to the New Jerusalem. Perhaps together, over a dandelion salad in the board-yurt, they would make a fairer stab at running a swath of inner city than, say, Westminster council under Dame Shirley Porter. If I were a politician, I would be dreadfully worried.

Fertility, Aids and prejudice

Robert Winston on why he gave IVF to an HIV patient

Some time ago I read a rather silly article in a Sunday newspaper. The director of one of Britain's more fashionable clinics for in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) was quoted as saying, "If we think a couple would make perfectly good parents we wouldn't refuse to treat them." This shallow statement sums up much of what is wrong with the way we currently deploy medical resources. It supposes that anybody, lay person or fertility expert, can decide whether or not a couple would make "perfectly good parents" — and on the mere evidence of a news article or a 20-minute consultation in the highly artificial environment of an IVF clinic.

At 19, Sheila was on heroin, and was heavily influenced by a boyfriend who infected her with the human immuno-deficiency virus (HIV). Eight years later, long after kicking her drug habit, and now happily married to Alan, she found she was infertile. She went to her local teaching hospital for fertility treatment. They found that her tubes were blocked, and, during routine screening, that she was HIV-positive.

Since then, she and Alan have practised protected sex, to avoid his getting the virus. The teaching hospital, which had initially been keen to offer her infertility treatment, became uncommunicative. The doctors recommended IVF treatment, but refused to give this themselves because Sheila might develop Aids. Ten years had now passed since she was first infected and gave up drugs. Her GP referred her to me, and I saw her very reluctantly, because I was aware that I would be faced with an immensely difficult decision.

At first, I was convinced that I would not offer her IVF, and told her this firmly. I was concerned that any baby might be infected with the virus and die shortly after birth. Discussion with Alan and Sheila was remarkably easy and without embarrassment, because they were quite open and because they had obviously thought extremely carefully about the decision they were taking. During our second protracted consultation, I found myself being increasingly impressed by them, and by the loving relationship they so obviously shared.

At our fourth meeting together, I became convinced that treatment would be reasonable. I was also aware that I had a duty to respect their autonomy. I told them that I could not promise treatment, because this, it seemed to me, was a matter for my entire team. I told them that I would put this difficult question to a team meeting, hoping to arrive at a favourable collective decision.

I was ill-prepared for the storm. The fraught meeting — which, in a spirit of openness, was filmed — is to be screened on BBC1 on Thursday as part of the series *Making Babies*. I regard the team as an extended family, and we have always taken such decisions together; I found it hard to watch them making a seemingly prejudiced decision.

Yes, HIV is a potential death sentence, and yes, the child might die of Aids. However, Sheila has by now been completely well for ten years, and there might be a cure around the corner. We allow many quite ill women, perhaps with renal or liver disease, to go through pregnancy every week. With Caesarean section to limit cross-infection, the baby would have only a 10 per cent chance of being born infected. Many responsible couples deliberately begin a pregnancy knowing, for example, that they carry a gene for a fatal inherited disease which might give rise to infant death within a year or so of birth. It seems to me this is a gamble that they are entitled to take — in the hope of having normal offspring.

Months later, the members of my team had changed their views. The chairman of our local ethics committee and various senior obstetricians were unanimously in favour of treatment. Informal discussions with the regulatory body also supported our decision, and treatment was started. Sadly, IVF — paid for with money from a charitable source — failed, but 12 years after first contracting HIV Sheila remains perfectly well.

I am sorry that people can be so critical of a decision carefully taken by a deeply loving couple who have thought things through with great maturity. Some people reported in the press have been very censorious, even though they have never met Alan and Sheila and so certainly cannot judge the case at first hand. After all, if Sheila's tubes had not been blocked, she could have conceived without anybody's help and without anybody interfering with her considered opinion.

I have no idea whether any of my patients make good parents — indeed, I am not sure if I am myself. What troubles me most about this arbitrary process — in which we impose our values on others perhaps less articulate or knowledgeable than ourselves — is that we are in a position to do so simply because they suffer from infertility. No other free member of society is vetted before trying for a baby.

Professor Lord Winston is the director of Britain's largest IVF clinic, at Hammersmith Hospital.

THE TIMES DIARY

Spy hatcher

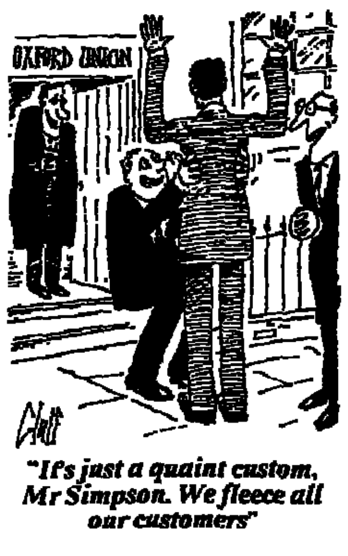
AFTER the flurry of bestsellers on SAS operations by former members of the special forces, a female soldier in army intelligence-gathering and surveillance work has sold her story.

HarperCollins is said to have paid nearly £200,000 for the book, which has a working title *One-up* and will be written under a pen-name, Sarah Ford.

The publisher refuses to comment on its acquisition; but "Ms Ford" worked under "deep cover" in Northern Ireland for many years in an SAS-style role for one of the Army's secret intelligence units. "The Defence Ministry has been getting excited about SAS men writing their memoirs, but this will make the SAS books look like chicken-feed," said one literary source.

Defence chiefs are indeed tugging nervously at their medals. Less than a fortnight ago, the Ministry of Defence warned of legal action to prevent the publication of sensitive material about Britain's Armed Forces. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, was on the attack: "It is important that methods and approaches used should remain secret, otherwise the safety of our soldiers could be put in danger and terrorists and others could have advantages they should not have." By the sound of her book, "Ms Ford" is perfectly capable of looking after herself.

- *One omission from yesterday's list of finalists for* Time Out's *Best Pizza Award was Covent Garden's Caffe Piazza. Two weeks after being shortlisted, the restaurant was bulldozed as part of the Royal Opera House's extension plans. "It was the first — and last — nomination the place had ever won," said a disappointed regular.*



"It's just a quaint custom, Mr Simpson. We fleece all our customers"

Prague fling

SUNDAY in Prague. Peter Mandelson, Labour MP for Hartlepool, has lunch with Baroness Thatcher. When it comes to meetings, this one is up there with Stanley and Livingstone, Achilles and Priam.

Mandelson, the schemer behind Tony Blair's leadership, joined the former Prime Minister at the British Ambassador's residence, where she was staying. Both had attended the launch of the New Atlantic Initiative on Friday and Saturday. As I reported yesterday, Mandelson applauded the speech from Lady T.

Mandelson now ranks alongside Thatcher herself in the demonology of the traditional Left, for his rank opportunism and ideological flexibility. His feud with the Shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown, is just one indication of the sort of resentment he incurs.

Paul Johnson and the Lords Beloff and Chalfont also attended the luncheon. But sadly missing was Mandelson's newfound friend Lady Powell, wife of Lady Thatcher's former adviser, Sir Charles Powell.

Savile service

EXPECT some chest-beating from the old guard at the AGM of the Savile Club next week. A fiery resolution allowing lady guests into the inner sanctum has been proposed for the gentlemen's club.

"Members shall be at liberty to introduce female strangers to The Sandpit over the luncheon period and to luncheon in the ballroom or the Robert Louis Stevenson room," runs a suggested ammendment to the rules.

The Sandpit, so called because of its yellow walls, is where the gents retire after luncheon to warm their brandies by the open fire and compare varicose veins. "It's the thin end of the wedge," growled one old-timer, so disconcerted at the creeping prospect of lady members that he downed his gin-and-tonic in one draft — lemon and all.

Kate: shock in store

Show off

AT THE Cannes Film Festival, where film-makers are falling over themselves to put Hardy's novels onto the big screen, the comely Kate Winslet has been talking of her latest venture — playing Sue opposite Rufus Sewell's Jude in *Jude the Obscure*.

The film has already appalled many Hardy diehards because of its fresh approach, which takes in some full-frontal nudity from Kate. And she admits that her parents may sympathise with the protesters. "I haven't discussed the nudity with them," she said. "No doubt it will come as a bit of a shock."

And so to Bed

THE LIFE of a journalist is never easy, but one veteran on the *Daily Mirror* is really going through the mill. After a tipple or two with his chums after work, he tends to fall asleep on the train home to Harpenden in Hertfordshire, and wake up at the end of the line — in Bedford.

One night when he missed his stop, he reboarded the train in Bedford, fell asleep again and woke up back in London. Drastic measures were called for, so he boarded the train one night in London and placed a sign around his neck saying "Please wake me up at Harpenden". Sadly, he woke up in Bedford once again to find that someone had written "Tee hee" on his sign.

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PROPHETS OF PRAGUE

The right questions, if not all the right answers

The "Atlantic Initiative" was launched at Prague last weekend, with the grand goal of reuniting the European and American branches of the "family of Western civilisation". Many of those involved, including Baroness Thatcher, George Shultz, Helmut Schmidt and leaders of today's Central European democracies, are children of the Cold War, whose steadiness then has earned them the right to an attentive audience. Their worries are those that ought keep the lights of every Western chancellery burning late.

They accuse "shortsightedness and the failure of statesmanship" of eroding transatlantic political, economic and security links and creating an anti-Western backlash in Central Europe as its concerns are ignored. The evidence is not far to seek. The rifts over Bosnia have barely been papered over, show signs of breaking out again and have generated such ill-temper that Nato's strategic planning for Europe's future is taking second place to piecemeal repair efforts. There is unprecedented vagueness about the depth of America's commitment to European security, and about the strength of Nato's security guarantees to its existing members. Those knocking at the gate have greater cause for doubt.

In Western Europe, the essentially political task of embracing ex-communist democracies has been relinquished to accountants and EU bureaucrats. Almost unnoticed by most Americans, who see European integration as a "good thing" but have little notion of what it means, divisive arguments about monetary union and the revision of Maastricht have again drawn the EU in on itself. The Central Europeans, faced by demands from Brussels for radical changes in their legal and economic systems without any firm date for EU membership as reward, scent bad faith. Haunted by the perils of the post-Habsburg vacuum, they increasingly insist on Nato membership in order to harness America's interest in their successful reintegration with the West.

Nato has promised a reply in December. The case for enlargement is one of principle: that independent nations have the right to choose their own foreign and defence policies, and allies. The case against is that Europe will not be secure unless Russia is stable and contented within a territory smaller than that which it has ruled for 400 years, with "soft" rather than strategic frontiers. The hard fact is that Russians of all persuasions, democrats as well as nationalists, would see the expansion of Nato to the threshold of the former Soviet Union as a humiliation. The liberals' case for engagement with Western democracy would be undercut if nationalists took this new "threat" to justify severing partnership with the West.

The West knows this perfectly well, which is why the decision has been deferred until after next month's Russian presidential election. Publicly, Western governments maintain that enlargement is compatible with a well-managed security relationship with Russia — and that it will not replace the political fault-lines of Yalta with new ones further east. Privately, many diplomats and military commanders believe nothing of the kind; but they argue that to retreat now would compound the original error by implying acceptance of a Russian veto.

Enlargement must meet two conditions. It must enhance European security, which it will not do if the countries most vulnerable to Russian irredentism — Ukraine and the Baltic states — are denied an umbrella granted to nations whose fears are less grounded in present danger. It must preserve the full weight of Nato's credibility as a deterrent alliance: which means certainty that attack on any member would provoke a US response. The worst of all worlds would be for Nato to sleepwalk into enlargement without positive answers to both these questions. The rising exasperation with the West in Europe's new democracies aids the return of communists, some less reformed than others. The Prague congress did well to focus on this neglected peril. But it is rapid expansion of the EU, not of Nato, that would inexorably link them to the West — and without strategic risk. America needs to pay more attention to the EU debate: EU governments should be ashamed to leave accountants to fill the vacuum of leadership.

CLOWN AND BROKE

Economics and the Treasury dominate politics

The position of Chancellor is not a popular one. Nor does it seem that the Shadow role brings much more in the way of plaudits. Kenneth Clarke and Gordon Brown have both suffered a barrage of criticism from their respective parties as the force of economic orthodoxy has pushed the policies of the two together. The Chancellor is under fire from his Right for refusing to pledge tax cuts. His Shadow faces equally fierce attack led by the Left for failing to promise tax increases. Both hanker openly after a single currency — infuriating colleagues.

The heresy has been compounded by the rhetoric of the two. A Tory occupant of No 11 stresses the importance of "quality public expenditure" — a contradiction to many true Thatcherites. Meanwhile, the man who would benefit from the removal van after the election espouses the virtues of a "dynamic enterprise economy" — utter treason in the eyes of solid socialists.

This convergence in both substance and speech reflects the dominance of economics over public policy and the commanding role of the Treasury in Whitehall. When politics and ideology must be excluded from all fiscal questions, financial numbers and tedious practicality reign in their place. Low inflation and small borrowing will be the watchword regardless. This may have almost always been true for those in Government; when aspirants in Opposition must apparently follow the same course, this represents the final triumph of the Exchequer.

Despite periodic attempts by Margaret Thatcher to curtail its strength, the Treasury has rebounded in the 1990s. Michael Heseltine could not prevent the concomitant weakening of the DTI. The ceaseless quest to exercise some control over the monster that is public spending forces politicians of all hues to conform to this institution.

Even the policy disaster of ERM membership could not dent the stranglehold. Public attention has focused on the fact that the Bank of England is more explicitly involved in interest rate questions since sterling's exit. It has been quietly forgotten that the Prime Minister is now excluded from them. This outcome — call it Lawson's revenge — has caused smug satisfaction in certain corridors of power. The ever greater centralisation of power over the last two decades, which Simon Jenkins has lamented so eloquently in words here and elsewhere, is unlikely to be reversed at the ballot box.

The gnomes of Great George Street have little to fear from a new Government, then. Gordon Brown has already shown promising parsimony. He can be tutored as a suitable heir to that great socialist dynasty of tight-fisted Chancellors, Philip Snowden, Sir Stafford Cripps and Denis Healey. new Labour has shown no enthusiasm for such schemes-gone-by as the Department for Economic Affairs. A mere "super-Treasury" is planned, capable of "strategic planning" for Whitehall and beyond. Mr Brown and his officials should get on splendidly.

None of this is particularly novel, of course. In 1954 the fiscal approach of the major parties was so similar that the *Economist* combined Rab Butler and Hugh Gaitskell to produce Mr Butskell. In an appropriate reflection of our recent and perhaps future economic fate the same can be done today. For another year at least we will probably have to live with Mr Clown: after that, and appropriately perhaps, Mr Broke.

THE AULD ALLIANCE

Gaels and Gauls have much in common

Few nations are as fickle with their favours as the Scots. Although in a *legal* Union with the English, the Scots have occasionally found it uncomfortable being in bed with an elephant. As befits a nation where the meanest Mackay is still a blood relative of a nobleman, the Scots have followed the fashion among aristocratic adulterers and taken a French mistress. The Auld Alliance is the Sunday name for the long flirtation between France and Scotland which, like all *liaisons dangereuses*, has provided the spice to keep the main marriage successful.

The alliance has seldom looked stronger. This Thursday President Chirac promenades through the Glasgow estate of Easterhouse. On Saturday an Argyllshire chanteuse, Karen Matheson, will represent France in the Eurovision Song Contest. The Gallic and Celtic seem as refreshingly mixed as a Bruichladdich with a dash of Badoit.

The origin of the alliance lies in the dark diplomacy of the late Middle Ages when French Kings sought to undermine the English and the Scots strove to keep their independence. The enemy's enemy soon became something more. Dynastic mingling made the French Mary of Guise into Scotland's Queen as wife of Flodden-felled King James V. Her tragic daughter, Mary Queen of Scots, was, in turn, briefly bride of the *Dauphin* Francis. Reformation and Revolution subsequently drove a wedge between Catholic, absolutist, *ancien regime* France and Protestant, Whiggish, commercial Scotland, but the Scots had a care to keep open the lines of communication.

The Scots kept a continental flavour to the most important aspects of life. While the English drank beer, hock or port the Scots kept their taste for decent Bordeaux. During the 18th century more claret was landed at Leith than any other harbour in Britain. The Scots kept French cellars and also built French homes. While the distinctive domestic architecture of the English is the semi-detached, the urban Scot shares with the Parisian a tendresse for the tenement.

To many in France English literature has a Scots accent. Romanticism in England is the property of poets such as Shelley, Keats and Wordsworth, but abroad the standard-bearers for the sensibility are two Scots, Lord Byron and Sir Walter Scott. Yet the influence of the alliance, while strong, should not be over-stated. Karen Matheson may sing this Saturday in Breton, a sister tongue of Gaelic, but for most Scots songs of Celtic solidarity will remain what they sing at Parkhead when Rangers visit.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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British options in cloud-cuckoo-land

From Sir Leslie Fielding

Sir, I take a less sanguine view than Sir William Nicoll (letter, May 10) of the options available to Britain if it were to secede from the European Union. To be sure, if I were still the official negotiator of trade agreements in Brussels, I would expect to get the Commission and the Council to offer a seceding UK an industrial free trade deal, on the usual EU terms. But would the UK want it?

No coverage for our exports of (non-beef) agricultural and fish products, confectionery or Scotch whisky: rules of origin problems and possible quantitative restrictions on Japanese Rovers; border taxation and bureaucracy unknown to us inside the Single Market; no free movement of capital or labour or services; no escape from the automatic application of Brussels rules on standards and much else, nor from sectoral or general safeguard clauses against us; no way of attracting (as the Swedes found) significant new foreign direct investment or of retaining what we already have.

Nor would I expect to improve on the above, with the offer of membership of the Customs Union or of the European Economic Area. The latter was originally a mere staging post of EFTA countries for whose full membership the EU was not then ready. Today the resting place only of Norway and Iceland, it is not negotiable as the permanent privileged abode of a seceding major EU member state.

A fortiori, membership of the Customs Union alone would be seen by our partners as unacceptably one-sided — all benefit and no sacrifice or manifest solidarity.

Since the UK joined the European Community in 1973, our continued relative economic and military decline has not passed unnoticed; nor have early continental expectations of British political leadership in Europe been very obviously fulfilled.

There is no organised ill will towards us. In 1996, however, we find ourselves a smaller fish in a bigger pool, with our options consequently more confined. The Prime Minister is right that we should not now withdraw to cloud-cuckoo-land (report, April 25).

Yours faithfully,
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May 12.

Flying the flag

From Professor Maxwell Hutchinson

Sir, Our lack of enthusiasm for flying the European flag has more to do with good taste than Euro-scepticism. In my view it is a meaningless, ugly rag. Surely the design talent of united Europe can do better than a trivial piece of carnival bunting.

The best buildings in new Europe have been the subject of open competition. So why not let our designers compete and create a flag truly worthy of a flutter?

Yours faithfully,
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Dr Carey's lecture

From the Archbishop of Canterbury

Sir, I was saddened to read your front-page headline of May 10, "Carey attacks Howard over 'wild frontier' policy of revenge".

My Prison Reform Trust lecture raised serious concerns, properly summarised in your report, about the balance of penal policy. I am sorry that your headline gave the false impression of an intemperate personal attack. In particular, it is wrong to suggest that I accused Michael Howard, whose integrity and ability I deeply respect, of a "policy of revenge".

Yours etc,
†GEORGE CANTUAR,
Lambeth Palace, SE1.
May 13.

Labour and Whitehall

From Mr Derek Foster, MP for Bishop Auckland (Labour)

Sir, Sue Cameron's article, "Mr Blair and the mandarins: Labour won't talk to Whitehall" (May 9), is based on the assumption that members of the Shadow Cabinet are not yet in formal contact with permanent secretaries.

Let me put the record straight. A substantial number of Labour's frontbench are already in formal contact with permanent secretaries, under the rules agreed with the Leader of the Opposition and the Prime Minister, and more will be shortly. The contacts are of course confidential and we do not therefore give them publicity.

Yours etc,
DEREK FOSTER
(Shadow Chancellor of
the Duchy of Lancaster),
House of Commons.
May 9.

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Pitfalls in long-term care reforms

From the Executive Director of ARPO50

Sir, Few things have demonstrated better the lack of vision among current politicians than the debacle which has developed concerning residential care for elderly people, and Stephen Dorrell's suggestion of private insurance (report, May 8; see also reports, Weekend Money, May 11) is, to say the least, optimistic.

The unarticulated but generally accepted ideal of mutual care has become an important component of our social consciousness over the past fifty years. With all its faults, the concept of the welfare state has replaced patriotism as the focus for national identity and has contributed to the breaking down of historical social divisions.

The outcry over payment for residential care in old age is much more than a protest about loss of capital or inheritance, however justified such protest might be. It is far easier to cry out about the size of insurance premiums than to confess to a sense of sorrow and anger at the loss of a social ideal.

Collectivism is expensive but the retreat to individualism and self interest also carries a price. It is not those over the age of 65 — for whom the current debate is largely academic — but generations to follow, who will discover just how high in both economic and social terms that price might be.

Yours faithfully,
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May 11.

From Dr Don Taylor

Sir, As a visiting researcher from the University of North Carolina studying the NHS, I was interested to see Stephen Dorrell's proposal to increase the use of private insurance to cover long-term care expenses.

I fear this strategy is likely to disappoint, as experience from the US suggests that long-term care is simply not a "commodity" that can be dealt with from a traditional insurance standpoint.

My country has a well developed history of depending on private insurance to cover the risks of just about anything, but it is telling that in my home state of North Carolina only 51,000 of 6.5 million people (less than 1 per cent) have long-term care insurance.

This is in spite of over sixty companies that offer such policies in my state and who surely would love to sell more. A state full of irresponsible people? Hardly. Long-term care insurance simply costs too much.

The North Carolina Department of Insurance advises that long-term care insurance is too expensive for those with assets of less than $100,000 (not including the value of a house). That is just about all of us.

If private insurance companies in the US have not found a way to bring long-term care policies to the market that are actuarially sound and affordable, then I suggest it can't be done. Traditional insurance principles such as insuring your home against fire (a very unlikely event) simply don't apply.

In the absence of a social insurance scheme in the US most have no choice other than to wait and see if their loved ones need long-term care (about one in four of us will); my grandmother does and it costs about $30,000 per year, paid for by the family. I guess long-term care is our national lottery.

Yours etc,
DON TAYLOR,
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May 11.

Faulty typecasting

From Professor Jonathan Shepherd

Sir, One group of people about whom "preconceptions need to be thrown into healthy confusion" ("Not my type — or yours", Libby Purves, May 7) is victims of crime. Some of my patients with face injuries have been disadvantaged because of typecasting, to their assailants' benefit.

Investigations have revealed some astonishing caricatures: for example, of most victims as being offenders responsible for their own injuries. Those who have been drinking have been condemned as not deserving NHS treatment.

These beliefs are not just held by some coal-face casualty doctors. During a recent discussion about ways in which casualty department/police joint working might be improved, one consultant felt it was unethical to report serious violence on the grounds that victims would be "shopped". His assumption was that they were largely injured whilst breaking the law.

Clearly, in the interests of efficiency, it may not be possible to tease out all the circumstances of violence, and some injuries are sustained whilst committing offences. It is important, though, not to blame victims for their plight. A sympathetic response can help prevent the serious psychological problems about which a quarter go on to suffer.

One of the frustrations in treating those seriously injured in violence is that so few incidents are investigated and even fewer assailants are convicted. A reason for this is that the police label some incidents as "domestic" because of an assumed pre-existing relationship between victim and assailant when, in fact, the attack may have been unprovoked and by a complete stranger.

Less typecasting would result in better treatment for victims and an increase in the chances of offenders being brought to justice.

Yours faithfully,
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School buildings

From Mr Roger Tant

Sir, As a structural engineer involved with educational buildings I was angered by political parties' promises for provision of more information technology in schools (Education, May 3).

Research by the Association of County Councils shows that approximately 765,000 children in England are, on a daily basis, being taught in mobile classrooms or huts, many in very poor condition, some dating back to the Second World War and costing a fortune to maintain.

How about getting our priorities right and replacing these appalling temporary classrooms with modern buildings? Then get the computers to put in them.

Yours faithfully,
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Oflot security

From Dr N. G. B. Hersey

Sir, You report (May 2; see also letters, May 2, 4) that prospective employees of Camelot are vetted by Oflot's security team, and applications are checked with the National Criminal Intelligence Service, the Police National Computer, the Inland Revenue and the security services.

Why is Oflot given such privileged access to reference sources denied to private companies fitting security systems or employing uniformed guards? Clearly National Lottery profits should not go to organised crime, but the distinct possibility of a known burglar fitting my alarm system, or an ex-convict "guarding" my property, purely because the Home Office does not allow adequate security vetting in these cases, is certainly of equal importance to me personally.

Yours faithfully,
N. G. B. HERSEY,
Appletrees,
Great Churchway, Plymouth.

Brought to book

From Dr Kay Davenport

Sir, Professor Denis Stevens complains (letter, May 4) about the inconvenience to readers created by the British Library not having photographic facilities for producing readers' tickets. His complaint rather overlooks two facts:

a) Once readers were photographed by Library admissions; this service has obviously been discontinued because of lack of funding.

b) The British Library makes no charge for providing "a happy haven of help for scholars", whereas, for example, the University of London charges members of Convocation £10 for access and £80 a year for those who wish to exercise borrowing rights. Members of the public who do not hold University of London degrees are charged £6 for a day pass to use the library facilities.

As an American who has been using the British Library for two decades, I am astounded that anyone should be indignant at losing "a quarter of a fiver" and at having to walk a few blocks to get photographs when the vast resources of the British Library are offered free of charge. On one Friday a few weeks ago the Reading Room processed more than 2,000 applications for books. Rather more, I should imagine, than the Bodleian.

Yours faithfully,
KAY DAVENPORT,
21 Highbury Hill, N5.
May 4.

From Mrs Mary Burns

Sir, My experience is the opposite of Professor Stevens'.

Seeking to renew my reader's ticket, issued in 1939, I (80) recently went to the British Library, taking with me two bad (and ancient) photographs, surplus to some previous similar requirement. To my surprise they proved acceptable, and I was cheerfully given, with no demur or red tape, an immediate renewal until the year 2000.

My field of study is medieval French literature, which, I assume, has not changed much either. All I now need is an up-to-date reading list.

Yours sincerely,
MARY BURNS,
90 Southwood Lane, Highgate, N6.
May 6.

Army chaplains' duty of discretion

From the Right Reverend J. D. G. Kirkham, Bishop to the Forces

Sir, Your report, "MPs support ban on homosexuals in the Armed Forces" (May 8), on the most recent meeting of the cross-party Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill stated that the committee was concerned that it had been alleged that military chaplains had divulged what had been told to them in confidence.

If this has happened at any time it is explicitly contrary to the guidelines on confidentiality issued to all military chaplains by their respective heads.

The position is quite clear and is endorsed by the Chaplain of the Fleet, the Chaplain General and the Chaplain-in-Chief (RAF). Chaplains in HM Forces are commissioned as chaplains and their status as officers in no way prejudices their absolute duty of confidentiality on all matters as priests and ministers of their respective churches. This is recognised by the authorities in all three Services.

If individual chaplains have failed in their duty of confidentiality, for whatever reason, that is a matter of extreme regret and they have contravened their duty as chaplains. The three Heads of Service Chaplaincy would take an extremely serious view of any such contravention, as they would of any perceived or real pressure by the Service authorities on a chaplain to betray what has been told to him or her in confidence, without the express permission of the person concerned.

All military chaplains are aware of this long-standing policy and are conscious of their duty to maintain the inviolability of the trust implicit in a pastoral relationship.

Yours faithfully,
†JOHN SHERBORNE,
Little Bailie, Sturminster Marshall,
Wimborne, Dorset.
May 10.

British theatre

From Mr Charles Morgan

Sir, Your leader ("Flaunt it", May 9; see also letters, May 13) rightly celebrates the new and established talent in British theatre. You could have added that this has been achieved against a background of declining Government support, despite the fact the returns in terms of tax for the Exchequer and overseas earnings are substantially greater than the subsidy provided.

It is ironic that you should choose as an example the Royal Court, certainly a successful theatre but one which I believe has to think about whether it can afford to turn on the photocopier so that everybody has a script.

You suggest if Tony Blair becomes Prime Minister, his policies for the arts may be no different from those of the Conservatives. In that case you should make your call: *flaunt it — and support it properly too.*

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES MORGAN,
7 Dorset Road, Talbot Woods,
Bournemouth, Dorset.

High society

From Brigadier C. W. Woodburn

Sir, Unlike Mr Woodall (letter, May 7; see also letters, May 11) I found the announcement of my daughter's engagement today to be at the end of the list of forthcoming marriages, in spite of her becoming engaged to a man who is alphabetically her superior. Well, we Ws know our place.

I then noticed that the order in which the announcements were listed was alphabetically correct for both the gentlemen *and* the ladies concerned. I have not calculated the chance of this occurring for a list of five engagements. I suspect that it is an even greater number than the anticipated cost of the wedding.

Yours faithfully,
BILL WOODBURN,
Iverna, The Drive,
Bosham, Chichester, West Sussex.
May 7.

From Professor Alec Eden

Sir, The pleasure of Mr Woodall and his wife (née Ulyatt) on the ascension of their daughter up the alphabetical ladder is understandable.

For several years I worked with a Norwegian colleague, Dr Aaslid, who could barely conceal his excitement when his name appeared at the head of the list of references in scientific publications. When I tried to find his number in the Oslo telephone directory I understood why. In his native country his name was written as "Åslid" — and Å is the 29th letter of the Norwegian alphabet.

Yours faithfully,
ALEC EDEN,
The Thatched House,
Mead Road, Torquay, Devon.

London footpath

From Mr Sandy Ellis

Sir, When the London Outer Orbital Path (report, May 4) is completed in 2000, given the present rate of growth in road traffic, might this prove to be not only a more environmentally desirable way of circumnavigating London, but also quicker than the M25?

Yours faithfully,
SANDY ELLIS,
The Hermitage, Sale Green,
Nr Droitwich, Worcestershire.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 13: The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the Windsor and Maidenhead District Sports Association for the Disabled and opened a new extension to the Clubhouse at Braywick Sports Ground, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

His Royal Highness, President and Honorary Life Fellow, Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, this evening attended a Reception at St James's Palace to launch the William Shipley Appeal.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 13: The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury, and attended a Reception for Botanic Gardens *Conservation International.*

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 13: The Princess of Wales, Patron, International Spinal Research Trust, this morning attended the send-off of Push 2000 at Kensington Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 13: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal New Zealand Corps of Transport, this afternoon received Brigadier Thomas Leighs, Colonel Commandant of the Corps and Lieutenant Colonel Ian Gordon, Assistant Defence Advisor (Army), New Zealand High Commission, London.

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 13: The Duke of Gloucester this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport at the conclusion of His Royal Highness's visit to Washington DC, United States of America.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 13: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited Automotive Products Group Limited, Tachbrook Road, Leamington Spa, and was met on arrival by Captain Charles Fetherston-Dilke, Royal Navy (Vice-Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Lumonics Limited, Cosford Lane, Swift Valley, Rugby, and later opened the new School House, Rugby School, Rugby, Warwickshire.

The Duke of Kent was represented by Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison at the Memorial Service for Mr Simon Dyer, which was held at Brompton Oratory, London SW3, *this morning.*

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will attend the guest lecture to commemorate the Bicentennial of The Legacy of Jenner: Vaccination Past, Present and Future, The Royal Society, 6pm.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, will open the research institute, The Royal Free Hospital, *Fleet Road, Hampstead,* at 1.55pm.

Appointment

Mr Ian Mackley has been appointed High Commissioner to Ghana and, additionally, Ambassador (non-resident) to Togo in succession to Mr David Walker, who will be transferring to a new Diplomatic Service appointment in mid-July.

Legal appointments

Mr Timothy Mort has been appointed to be a circuit judge on the Northern Circuit.

Miss Lesley Millard has been appointed a district judge on the South Eastern Circuit.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Lady Olga Maitland, MP, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Miss Hazel Ellis presided.

Concert

The Most Rev Luigi Barbarito, Apostolic Nuncio, will attend the concert which will be given by Victoria de los Angeles and the Farm Street Choir at Farm Street Church at 7.30pm on May 20.

Survivor of wrecked ship carves memorial to lost sailors

By Dominic Kennedy

A SURVIVOR of the *Maria Asumpta*, the sailing ship wrecked against rocks in Cornwall almost a year ago, has completed a sculpture to the memory of 700 sailors lost in wartime.

Philip Chatfield, 37, who was carpenter on the 125ft vessel, overcame the trauma of his experience to carve the 21ft, 43-tonne memorial. He overcame physical pain and flashbacks as he chipped away for months in a quarry in Portland.

The memorial was unveiled in the port of Barry last week by two merchant seamen who survived torpedo attacks during the last war.

The *Maria Asumpta*, built in 1858 and the world's oldest working sailing ship, was wrecked on May 30 last year when her engine failed as she tried to manoeuvre into Padstow harbour. Three crew members died.

Mr Chatfield, of Gower, had just won the commission to carve a war memorial dedicated to the forgotten heroes of Barry, which lost more merchant seamen than any other British port during the two world wars.

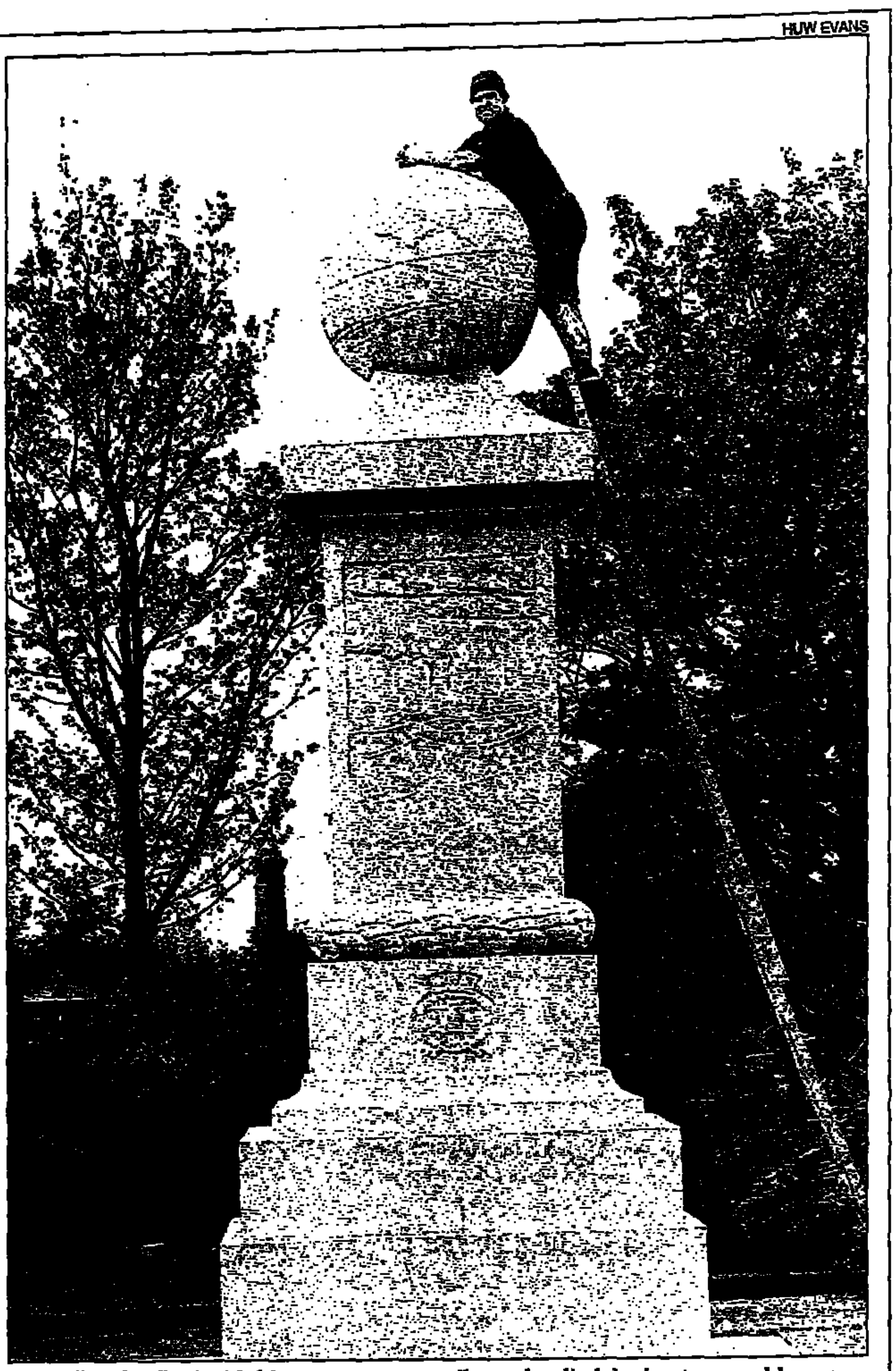
He created his winning design, depicting lifesize seamen, coils of rope, a liberty ship and a globe, while sailing on the *Maria Asumpta* in 1994. His first cheque, for £8,000, and the sketch plans sank with the vessel.

He was at the bow of the *Maria Asumpta* when she heaved violently, breaking his left forearm, tearing ligaments in his right elbow and badly damaging his right shoulder.

"I do remember being about 10ft under water, holding on to the rock under the sea and the ship coming in to crush me. I thought that was it and accepted death. I could have just let go with my left hand and touched the side of the ship. She didn't come in. The sucking away of the water was phenomenal but I held on. Then I was exposed. I scrambled up and ran, rockhopping." Mr Chatfield's trauma has helped him to understand the grief lingering in Barry, a small town where almost every home lost a loved one at sea during the wars.

His next project is to carve the marble memorial for the *Maria Asumpta* in Padstow. "I am hoping that will lay the ghost of the ship for me."

☐ The case against Mark Litchfield, 55, of Boxley, Kent, the skipper charged with manslaughter of three crew who died when the *Maria Asumpta* was wrecked, has been adjourned until May 31 by Bodmin magistrates.


HUW EVANS

Philip Chatfield with his monument to sailors who died during two world wars

Dinners

Furniture Makers' Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, attended a dinner of the Furniture Makers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Hugh Joscelyne, Master, presided. The Lord Mayor presented the Claxton Stevens Prize to Mr Richard Williams for the most outstanding piece of furniture submitted to the Craft Guild Mark jury in 1995. Mr Edward Brett, Senior Warden, and the Bishop of Bedford also spoke. The Masters of the Carpenters', Painter-Stainers', Upholders' and Turners' Companies and the Prime Warden of the Basketmakers' Company were among those present.

The Royal Society and the Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held with the Royal Society last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace. Sir Ron Dearing, Professor Alan Smithers and Dr Michael Young were the speakers.

RAF Club
Lord Quinton was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Royal Air Force Club Dining Society held last night at 128 Piccadilly. Wing Commander W.A. Beaumont, president of the society, presided. Air Commodore H.A. Probert also spoke.

Athenaeum
Professor Sir Frederick Crawford was the principal speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Lord Walton of Detchant was in the chair.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Gainsborough, painter, Sudbury, Suffolk, 1727; Robert Owen, social reformer, Newtown, Powys, 1771; Otto Klemperer, conductor, Breslau, Germany, 1885; Eric Morecambe, comedian, Morecambe, 1926; Bobby Darin, singer, songwriter and actor, New York City, 1936.

DEATHS: Georg Ernst Stahl, chemist, Berlin, 1734; August Strindberg, dramatist, Stockholm, 1912; Sir Rider Haggard, novelist, London, 1925; Edmund Allenby, 1st Viscount Allenby of Megiddo, Field Marshal, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, 1936.

The victory of the English barons over King Henry III at the Battle of Lewes, 1264.

Edward Jenner carried out the first successful vaccination against smallpox, 1796.

The independent state of Israel was proclaimed, 1948.

Marriages

Dr L.J. Howes, FRCA,
and Miss G.J. Scott

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 11, 1996, at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, between *Jonathan*, youngest son of Dr and Mrs P. Howes, of Waresley, Cambridgeshire, and Gaynor, second daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Scott, of Slimbridge. Mr Richard Wigdahl was best man.

Dr F. Zaniewski
and Miss R.M. Elsdon

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 11, 1996, at St Laurence's Church, Downton, Wiltshire, between Dr Franek Zaniewski and Miss Rosemary Elsdon, MBE.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. Gray
and Miss A.J. Brown
Geoffrey and Valerie Brown, of Blackheath, London, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, to Mr Nick Gray, of Biddenden, Kent.

Mr G.R.D. Lamming
and Miss C.E. Morley
The engagement is announced between Guy, younger son of the late Mr Clive Lamming and of Mrs Phyllis Lamming, of Richmond, Surrey, and Candida, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Morley, of Priston, Bath.

Luncheon

Baroness Elles

Baroness Elles was the sponsor at a fundraising luncheon held yesterday at the House of Lords for the Greater London Fund for the Blind.

Birthdays today

Miss Francesca Annis, actress, 51; Mr David Ashby, MP, 56; Mr Richard Balfe, MEP, 52; Mr Hastings Banda, Life President of Malawi, 91; Mr Chay Blyth, yachtsman, 56; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Buchanan, 71; Mr Denis Cannan, dramatist, 77.

Sir David Cooksey, chairman, Local Government Commission for England, 56; Mr Phil Drabble, broadcaster, 82; Sir Owen Green, former chairman, BTR, 71; Baroness Hogg, former head of the Prime Minister's policy unit, 50; Mr R. D. C. Hubbard, chairman, Powell Duffryn, 60; Mr G. R. Lister, chief executive, Bradford and Bingley Building Society, 59; Mr George Lucas, film director and producer, 52; Lord McAlpine of West Green, 54; Mr Martin Mogg, former Governor, Durham prison, 55; Mr Edward Newman, MEP, 43.

Canon John Oates, rector, St Bride's, Fleet Street, 66; Miss Siân Phillips, actress, 62; Sir Peregrine Rhodes, diplomat, 71; Sir Adam Ridley, executive director, Hambros Bank, 54; Sir Leslie Sharp, former Chief Constable, Strathclyde, 60; Mr Anthony Stoller, chief executive, Radio Authority, 49; Mrs Patricia Turner, trade unionist, 69; Judge Adrianne Uziell-Hamilton, 64.

Requiem Mass

Mr Simon Dyer
The Duke of Kent was represented by Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison, Vice-President of the Automobile Association, who gave an address, and Prince Michael of Kent by Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club, at a memorial requiem Mass for Mr Simon Dyer, Director General of the AA, held yesterday at Brompton Oratory.

Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, was the principal celebrant and delivered the homily. The other celebrants were Father Gerald Hughes, OSB, Father Edward Corbould, OSB, and Father Anthony Laundy, of St Winefride's, Kew.

Judge Mark Dyer, brother, and Mr Adrian Brennan read the lessons. Father Ronald Creighton-Jobe was robed and in the sanctuary.

Among others present were:

Mrs Dyer (widow), Miss Jemima Dyer and Miss Louise Dyer (daughters), Mrs Maxwell Dyer (mother), Mrs Mark Dyer (sister-in-law), Mrs Phyllis Wing (mother-in-law), Mrs Dominic Twose, Miss Cordelia Dyer and other members of the family.

Sir Brian Shaw (Chairman of the AA) and Lady Shaw with Sir John Blelloch (Vice-Chairman) and Lady Blelloch, Lord and Lady Crickhowell, Baroness Wilcox, Lieutenant-General Sir Norman Arthur, Sir Peter Baldwin, Lady Carr-Ellison, Sir Alexander and Lady Durie, General Sir Jack Harman, Sir Brian and Lady Jenkins, Sir Kenneth Newman, Mr and Mrs Michael Pickard, Mr and Mrs Bob Chase, Mr Mark Haszlakiewicz, Mr and Mrs Pete Johnson, Mr and Mrs Frank Thackwray, Mr and Mrs Mark Wood, Mr Anthony Peagam, Mr and Mrs Colin Skeen.

Mr Peter Stemp, Mr Kenneth Faircloth (also representing the AA Foundation for Road Safety Research) and Mrs Faircloth and many other past and present member of staff.

Viscount and Viscontess Slim, Lord Brabazon of Tara, Lord Brougham and Vaux, Lord Mowbray and Stourton, Lord and Lady Pilkington, Baroness Stedman, Lord and Lady Strathcarron, Lord Walton of Detchant, the Hon Peter Benson (Coopers and Lybrand), the Hon John Donovan, the Hon Charles Martyn-Hemphill, the Hon Simon Orr-Ewing, the Hon Celia Pilkington, the Hon Mrs Rowcliffe, the Hon Mrs Appleyard-List, Sir Geoffrey Errington, Sir Patrick and Lady Brown, Sir Peter Bonfield (BT), and Lady Bonfield, Sir Peter and Lady Cazalet, Lady Scott, Sir Patrick and Lady Sheehy, Sir Thomas Risk, Sir Kenneth Carlisle, MP, Councillor Kevin Gardner and Baroness Gardner of Parkes, Mr Nicholas and Lady Bridget Oppenheim.

Mr Peter Bottomley, MP, Mr Hugh Dykes, MP, Mr Iain Mills, MP, Mr Steven Norris, MP, Mr Richard Tracey, MP, Mr Gary Waller, MP, the Mayor and Mayoress of Basingstoke and Deane, the Mayor and Mayoress of Richmond, Judge and Mrs David Smith.

Mr Geoffrey Atkinson (Motor and Allied Trades Benevolent Fund), Mrs Adele Biss (British Tourist Authority), Mrs Morag Barton (Brooklands Museum Trust), Brigadier David Canterbury (representing the founder of the Montagu Motor Car Museum), Mr John Bridgeman (Office of Fair Trading), Mr Christopher Bullock (Institute of Advanced Motorists), Mr Nigel Clarke (Institute of Management) and Mrs Clarke, Mr Brian Colley (Road Haulage Association), Mr Christopher Gorringe (All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club).

The Assistant Chief Constable of the Thames Valley Police, Mr Neil Johnson (RAC), Mr Roger King (Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders), Mr Derek Lindop (Retail Motor Industry Federation), Mr Jeremy Logie (British Hospitality Association), Mr George McCulloch (Royal Scottish Automobile Club), Mr Max Mosley (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile), Mr Paul Nouwen (Alliance Internationale de Tourisme), Mr Ken Rogers (Guild of Motoring Writers), the Master of the Company of Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' and other members of the livery.

Mr Jim Stevenson (British Cement Association), Mr Bill Threlfall (Hurlingham Club) and Mrs Trelfall, Mr Roy Ward (Institute of the Motor Industry), Mr Trevor Watson (Caravan Club), the Chief Constable of Surrey and Chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers' Traffic Committee, and Mrs Williams, Mr John Wootton (Transport Research Laboratory).

Mr Jack Parker (Institution of Highways and Transportation), Mr Paul Everitt (British Road Federation) other representatives from commerce and industry in the United Kingdom and overseas and many friends.

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BIRTHS

AMADI - Samuel A. on May 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Theresa and Samuel Amadi.

ASHCROFT - On March 4th 1996, at The Portland Hospital, to Josie (née Cameron) and Charles, a son, Edward Christopher George, a brother for Lucinda and Henry.

BAECHLI - On May 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Regula (née Zulliger) and Pius, a daughter, Ladina, a sister for Selina.

CLANCY - On May 9th, to Angela and Paul, a daughter, Amelia Rose, a sister for Christine and Michael.

CONNOLLY - On 8th May, to Aurea (née Gurdon) and Edward, a daughter, Serena.

CORSON - To Jane (née Wiggans) and Mark, on May 11th, a wonderful daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, a sister for Jamie.

ENNALS - On May 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Tina Gaudoin and Ford, a wonderful son, Ethan William Ford, a friend to Scout.

EPHSON-CLARKE - On March 9th, to Penelope and Peter, a son, Maximilian Kwamena.

FREARS BENJAMIN - On 29th April, to Lucy and Lorres, a son, Louis Vidal.

GONZALEZ - On May 9th at 20:42 hours at The Portland Hospital, to Melissa and Gonz, a beautiful son, Emilio. Grandma Gann was there to assist the Doctor.

HIGGINBOTHAM - On May 4th, to Bairbre (née Clarke) and John, a son, James Patrick John, a brother for Eleanor Rose.

HOLMES - On May 1st 1996, to Nicola (née *Harvey*) and Mark, a daughter, Lydia Katherine.

HUMPHREYS - On May 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Michelle (née Klein) and Richard, a beautiful daughter, Sophia Josephine, a sister for Claudia.

LANYON - On May 8th, to Bridget (née Cheyne) and Richard, a son, Oliver James, a brother for Frances, William and Alexandra.

MAKOWER - On May 9th, to Imogen and William, a daughter, Clementine Anna.

NEWBERY - *On May 1st* 1996 to Jenny (née Robinson) and Mark, another lovely daughter, *Sophie* Louise, a sister for Melissa Kate.

REGAN - On May 12th 1996, to Bonita (née O'Sullivan) and Andrew, a son, Francis Niall.

ROUNCE - On 11th May, to Catherine (née Ward) and Jonathan, a son, George William.

BIRTHS

SANDELSON - On 7th May, to Jeremy and Cecily (Engle), *a daughter, a sister for Alice.*

SINCLAIR - On May 9th, to Mary-Anne (née Hodson) and Simon, a son, Francis Gregory Charles, a brother for Thomas.

STOCKWELL - *On May 9th,* to Alison (née King) and Robert, a son, James Robert - brother for Helen Elizabeth.

WRIGHT - On Thursday May 9th at St Thomas' Hospital, *to Karen (née Braysich)* and Andrew, a daughter, Annie Rose Elizabeth, a sister for Joshua.

MARRIAGES

***HARPER:GRAY** - On May* 11th 1996 at St Mary's-in-the-Wood Church, Morley, Leeds, between Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Harper and Miss Sarah Gray, daughter *of Mr and Mrs* Victor Gray.

DEATHS

BOSTOCK - Joan H.D. Bostock M.B.E. suddenly in Leipzig on a music tour, beloved younger sister of Biddy and dear aunt to Josephine and Jane. Cremation at Putney Vale on Friday 17th May at 1.45 pm and afterwards at the Hurlingham Club. Donations in lieu of flowers to the Save the Children Fund, Mary Datchelor House, 17 Grove Lane, London SE5 8SP. Memorial Service at a date to be announced. She lived to serve others.

CARR - William of Bridge, Canterbury, suddenly on 7th May aged 69 years. Most dearly loved husband of Thea and warm *friend* of many. Funeral on Tuesday 21st May at 2.15 pm at St Peter's Church, Bridge, followed by committal at Barham Crematorium. Family *flowers* only please. Donations to British Heart Foundation or Cancer Research or charity of own choice.

CLEVERLEY - On May 10th 1996 William Roland in his 100th year. Retired Dental Surgeon. Beloved husband of the late Muriel, and the late Ingeborg, devoted *father* of *Bill (deceased), Jane and* Deirdre. Grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral *Service at Holy Trinity* Church, Broadgate, Coventry on Friday May *17th at 12 noon followed by* interment at London Road Cemetery, Coventry. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Benevolent Fund, British Dental Association or Masonic Charities payable to A. Pargetter & Son, Funeral Directors, City Mews, Lamb Street, Coventry CV1 4AE, tel: 01203 225343.

DEATHS

EDMONDS - Peacefully at home on May 10th 1996, Donald James. Dearly loved husband of Dorothy, much loved father and grandfather. Solicitor and Freeman of the Borough of Hove. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Parish Church, West Chiltington on Friday May 17th at 11.45 am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to The Mary How Trust, c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 21 West Street, Storrington, RH20 4DZ, tel: (01903) 742685.

GILBERT - Anthony James (Tony) of Coppenhall, Stafford, on May 12th in hospital, much loved husband of Rita and dear father of James and daughter-in-law Sandra. Funeral at St Michael's, Penkridge, on Thursday 16th May at 12.15 pm. *Donations instead of flowers* to St Lawrence Church, Coppenhall or the Incorporated Benevolent Fund of the I.E.E.

GIRDWOOD - Nancy Elizabeth (Dickie). On May 13th 1996 after a short illness. *Beloved mother of* Libby and Jules, much loved grandmother of Alice and Toby. Funeral Service on Friday 17th May 1996 11.45am at Putney Vale Cemetery.

HORAN - Forbes Trevor peacefully at Cowley Manor Nursing Home on May 11th aged 90 years. Grateful thanks to the staff at Cowley Manor. Funeral Service at Tewkesbury Abbey 11.30am Friday May 17th. No flowers please. Donations to Tewkesbury Abbey Appeal Fund may be sent c/o Mason & Stokes, 54 Hewlett Road, Cheltenham, GL52 6AH.

HUXLEY-EVANS - Cyril on 10th May aged 77 of Gurnard, I.O.W., formerly of *Littlehampton.* Enquiries F.L. Lloyd Funeral Directors, Cowes. tel: (01983) 293716.

KNIGHT - Basil Francis James (Beezy) on Friday May 10th after a long illness borne with his customary courage. Beloved husband of the late Gladys (Garry) and dearly loved friend of Sheila. A very special and much loved father to Margaret, Frances and Sally and a loving and proud grandfather to Tim, Nick, Jonathan and Sally and great-grandfather to Barnaby. *Funeral Service* Friday 17th May at the Croydon Crematorium, Thornton Road at 4 pm. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to the St *Helier League of Friends* c/o W.A. Truslove & Son Ltd., 118 Carshalton Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 4RL, tel: (0181) 642-8211.

MARKS - On May 13th in Harrogate, aged 79 years, Anne, dearly loved wife of Dr. Edward Marks, dear mother of Gordon, John and Jenny, greatly loved grandma of Bruno, Zoe, Katy, Leti, Zena, Eleanor and Ned. Service at the Harrogate Crematorium Monday 20th May at 12.20pm. Flowers may be sent to Swainsons, Harrogate.

MARTIN - Maimie on May 9th peacefully after a long *illness,* at *Leicester* Royal Infirmary aged 84. Beloved wife of the late Winston and dearly loved mother of Jane, Tony, Ann, Paul and Christopher and fond *grandmother.* Funeral Service at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Leicester, on Wednesday 22nd May at 12 noon. May she rest in peace.

MORGAN - David E.W. tragically following a car accident on May 6th, loving husband of Mari, dear father of Richard, Ashley and Guy, father-in-law of Louise and *brother of Glenys. Funeral* at Giggleswick School Chapel 12 noon on Thursday 16th May. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to RNLI c/o L.A.T. Porter Funeral Directors, Settle, North Yorkshire.

MOUSLEY - On May 3rd peacefully in Winchester. Jim FRCS, loving husband, father and grandfather. Funeral has taken place. Thanksgiving Service 2.30pm June 12th at the Chapel of the Hospital of St Cross, Winchester. No flowers please. Donations if desired to the League of Friends of the Royal County Hospital, Winchester.

OLDING - Avys Hildegard, late of Albany Terrace, Worcester, past English Mistress at Alice Ottley School 1939-1959, died peacefully at Henwick Grange Nursing Home May 8th aged 97 years. The funeral service is to take place at St George's Church, Worcester, on Friday May 17th at 10.15 am, followed by cremation at Worcester. No flowers by request but donations if desired to The Oxford Mission c/o Bedwardine Funeral Services, 1 St John's, Worcester.

PHILLIPS - On 10th May peacefully in hospital and of Hartford, Cheshire. Charles Edmund aged 78 years, beloved husband of Kathleen and father of Juliet and Rosalind and grandfather. Funeral Service to take place at Hartford Parish Church *on Friday 17th May* at 10am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the Renal Unit Endowment Fund, *Withington Hospital.* All enquiries to George Lightfoot, Witton Mews, Northwich, Cheshire, tel: (01606) 42011/40240.

PICTON WILLIAMS - Terence Charles MD FRCP suddenly at home on Saturday 11th May 1996. Family flowers only please but donations in memory to The Royal Surgical Aid Society c/o Francis Chappell & Sons, 27 London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1AR. tel: (01732) 460203.

PORTER - Charles A. Porter died 8th May 1996. Funeral Service Wednesday 15th *May 1.45 pm in Bradfield* College Chapel. Cremation at Reading Crematorium. No flowers please but donations to Barnardos. He will be much missed by family, friends and colleagues.

PURNELL - Roy Whyte aged 87 on Sunday May 12th 1996 at his home Cerne Abbas, Dorset, much loved husband of Madge and dear *father of Anthea, loving* grandfather of Victoria, Harry, Freddie, Posy and Teddy. Donations if desired to RSPCA c/o Woods of Dorchester Limited.

RAMPLING - Deirdre, peacefully at her home on May 8th, after a long illness. *Beloved wife of Michael,* and loving mother of Christopher and Jeremy. Funeral Service at St Barnabas Church, Pitshanger Lane, Ealing on Friday, 17th May at 11.45am. *Flowers* or donation, if desired, to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Christopher Wickenden FS, 71 Greenford Avenue, Hanwell W7 1LJ.

REYBURN - Betty (née Munro) died peacefully after a brief illness 12th May. Family request no flowers. Donations to Edenhall Marie Curie Centre, 11 Lyndhurst Gardens, London NW3 5NS.

SCOTT - John Richard (Architect) of Beacon Hill on May 11th 1996 in his hundredth year. Now reunited with Doris. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium at 3 pm on Friday 17th May. Flowers to Robert Ayling Funeral *Directors,* 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6NY.

SETHI - Shashi died on May 4th, tragically *in* Bombay. Sadly missed by his wife, Nabla and children, Sasha, Rajiv, Rian and Nicki.

SLADDEN - Nancy (née Trimnell) of Badsey and New Zealand. On May 9th, 1996, peacefully at Worcester Hospital in her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late Patrick and much loved mother of Michael and Patsy, dearly loved grandmother of Mark, Chloe, Lucy and Jonathan. Funeral Service at Cheltenham Crematorium on Thursday, May 16th at 1 pm. Family flowers only please, but any donations in Nancy's memory may be given and will be gratefully received for Bartholomew Ward, Evesham Community *Hospital,* by *Philip* Tomlins, Funeral Directors, 36, The Lays, Evesham, Worcs. WR11 5AP. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St James' Church, Badsey, on *Monday, July 15th* at 2.30pm.

THIRKETTLE - Joan on May 11th 1996 tragically of cancer aged 47 years. Beloved mother of Daisy and Michael Wallace. An indomitable fighter, whose spirit will be missed by many. Funeral strictly private for the family only. A reception will be held for family and close friends at her residence on Friday May 17th at 4.30 pm.

TOYNBEE - On May 12th peacefully in hospital, Yvonne most beloved wife of Michael and much loved mother of Mark and Nicky. Greatly loved by her whole family and her very wide circle of friends. Funeral and Service of Thanksgiving at Wadhurst Parish Church on Friday 17th May at 12 noon. *No flowers* please but donations if desired to *Hospice in the Weald* c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash TN19 7ET. Tel: (01435) 882219.

WALKER - Margaret Jean (née Pomeroy) peacefully in Ronkswood Hospital, Worcester, on Sunday 12th May aged 71. Formerly *Deputy Headmistress* of Alice Ottley School, Worcester. Treasurer of *B.F.W.G.* Much loved wife of John (formerly of Stroud, Glos.). Funeral at Claines *Church, Worcester, 2 pm* Friday 17th May. Family flowers only please. Donations to Claines Church Tower Appeal. Enquiries to E.J. Gunnery (01905) 22094.

WARWICK - *Peacefully* at Harrogate District Hospital, on 9th May, Frederick Richard (Derick) Warwick MC. Dearly loved husband of Kathleen (Kay), much loved father of Simon and Sara, grandfather and father-in-law. Service at St Helen's Church, Skelton-on-Ure, near Ripon, on Thursday 16th May at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations may be given to the British Heart Foundation, Midland Bank, 7 Prospect Crescent, Harrogate, HG1 1RN; or at the church.

WELBY-EVERARD - Major General Sir Christopher on 10th May peacefully at home aged 86. Much loved by his late wife Peggy and his two sons Peter and Hugh. Funeral for family and close friends on Friday 17th May at 12.45 pm. Family flowers to Holland and Son Funeral Directors, London Road, Grantham, tel: (01476) 64979 by 10 o'clock. Thanksgiving Service in Lincoln Cathedral on Friday 19th July at 3 pm. Donations *to The Royal British Legion* c/o Holland and Son.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS on 4 April 1996 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Philip Rodney Sykes and Martin Fishman of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2NT were appointed Joint Liquidators by the Members.

The Joint Liquidators give notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to Philip Rodney Sykes of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2NT by 4 June 1996.

The Joint Liquidators also give notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 4 July 1996 they intend to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 4 June 1996 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. The final return to creditors will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved.

The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full.
DATE 29/4/96
PHILLIP RODNEY SYKES,
JOINT LIQUIDATOR.

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No 002376 of 1996
Chancery Division
Companies Court
In the Matter of BENSON GROUP plc
and in the Matter of
The Companies Act 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice on 26th April 1996 for the confirmation of the cancellation of the share premium account of the above named Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Petition referred to above is directed to be heard before the Registrar of Companies Court on 22nd May 1996 at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL.

ANY creditor or shareholder of the above named Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the Petition referred to above will be furnished to any such person requiring it by the solicitors for the above named Company on payment of the regulated charge.

Dated this 14th day of May 1996
PINSENT CURTIS,
3 Colmore Circus, Birmingham, B4 6BH,
Ref: AH/04305/0136-6/DJH,
Solicitors for the above named Company

PUBLIC NOTICES

BAILEY, MARY ELLEN BAILEY Spinster late of Colliers Wood, London SW19 died at Carshalton, Surrey on 22 February 1995 (Estate about £20,000).

BAKER, JOHN STANLEY BAKER late of Exmouth, Devon, Died there on 7 January 1996 (Estate about £42,000).

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BLATCHFORD, STANLEY VICTOR BLATCHFORD late of Plymouth, Devon died there on 26 August 1993 (Estate about £5,600).

BRASSINGTON, CHARLES FREDERICK BRASSINGTON otherwise CHARLES BRASSINGTON late of Kentish Town, London NW5 died at Hampstead, London NW3 on 11 June 1994 (Estate about £18,600)

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OBITUARIES

NNAMDI AZIKIWE

Nnamdi Azikiwe, the first President of Nigeria and one of the earliest leaders of the nationalist movement in West Africa, died on May 11 aged 91. He was born on November 16, 1904.

FOR MANY years Nnamdi Azikiwe pointed the way towards independence, exerting great influence as a newspaper editor and as the founder and leader of one of Nigeria's major political parties. He thought nationally at a time when Nigeria was still a collection of regions rather than a nation. When independence eventually came in 1960, however, Azikiwe, who had refused office as a federal minister, preferring the post of President of the Senate, was already a father figure. A month after independence he became the country's first indigenous Governor-General and, when Nigeria became a republic three years after independence, Azikiwe was chosen as its first President.

He was a man of strong views, pungently expressed, aptly described by Dame Margery Perham in a broadcast in 1965 as a "strange, brilliant, protean character from the Ibo forests". Azikiwe was the son of a clerk in the Nigeria Regiment. Although the family were Ibos from Onitsha, Azikiwe Senior was working in Zunguru, in Northern Nigeria, as a clerk on Lugard's staff, when his son was born. As a child, therefore, the young Azikiwe spoke Hausa. At the age of eight he was sent to Onitsha where he learnt Ibo. Later, as a student in Lagos, he became fluent in Yoruba, the other principal language of Nigeria, and many years later, as head of state, this command of the three languages was to be a most valuable asset.

The young Benjamin Azikiwe — who later changed his name to Nnamdi — attended Roman Catholic and Anglican primary schools in Onitsha and the Wesleyan Boys' High School, Lagos. He then continued his studies at the Hope Waddall Training Institute in Calbar. Among the influences which inspired him in his student days were, by his own account, Marcus Garvey and his Black Zionism, and the Rev Dr J. E. K. Aggrey.

After a short period as a Civil Service clerk in Lagos, Azikiwe went to the United States in 1925 with the help of £300 which his father had saved for him. There, at the age of 21, he entered Storer College, in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, where he was nicknamed "Zik" by his fellow students. It was a name which stuck even when he was President.

His early years in America were difficult and at one point he attempted suicide. To pay his way through college he did a variety of menial jobs, working as a miner, porter, dishwasher and professional boxer. He matriculated at Howard University in Washington but lack of money caused him to move to Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. At Lincoln he obtained an MA in political science. From the University of Pennsylvania he obtained an MSc in anthropology. He was also the holder of the certificate in journalism of the Teachers' College, Columbia University, and in 1930 edited the *Columbia University Summer Session Times.*

During a seminar at Pennsylvania, Azikiwe impressed Professor Malinowski of the London School of Economics, present as a visitor, and at his suggestion later became a Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute — an interesting comparison with another African leader, Jomo Kenyatta, to whose book *Facing Mount Kenya* Malinowski contributed a foreword.

On his way back from the United States Azikiwe visited Britain, and in 1934 applied to compete, for Nigeria, in the British Empire Games, following a successful career in American college athletics. He was barred from the competition after protests from the South African team, and, shocked by this example of colour prejudice, he decided to give up his name Benjamin, changing it legally to Nnamdi. In later years he became president of the Nigerian Amateur Athletic Association. In 1938, writing in his paper, the *West African Pilot*, Azikiwe claimed that from athletics he had learnt to suffer in silence. "I have always looked at most of my life's problems as problems which confront a miler in a mile race."

With his American degree behind him, Azikiwe applied for jobs in the education departments of four colonies. Neither there, nor in Liberia, Ethiopia or Turkey, was he successful, and in 1934 he moved to Accra to edit a new paper, the *African Morning Post*. Three years later he was convicted of sedition for an article printed in his paper. The conviction was reversed on appeal, and Azikiwe moved to Lagos, where he founded his own paper, the *West African Pilot*. Its motto was: "Show the light and the people will find the way." Azikiwe brought to West Africa the techniques of modern journalism which he had learnt in the United States. The *Pilot*, and an associated chain of provincial dailies, were a potent force in Nigerian politics.

In 1944 Azikiwe was one of the founders of the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons (when the Southern Cameroons became part of the Federal Republic of Cameroon the NCNC, though keeping the same initials, changed its name to National Convention of Nigerian Citizens). He was its general secretary until 1946, when he became president of the party on the death of Herbert Macaulay.

His aim was independence and the creation of a sense of nationhood. In spite of his personal wealth and business success, his was an appeal to the masses. In practice, however, the NCNC drew its main strength from Iboland, and it increasingly became the party of Eastern Nigeria — regional, like the other political parties of Nigeria. Azikiwe himself, after a short period in the Western Nigeria Legislature, was Premier of the East from 1954 to 1959, relinquishing the post to Dr Michael Okpara when he moved to the Senate. As Governor-General and President, he naturally had to give up active leadership of the NCNC.

It was not easy for Azikiwe, as a former political leader, to play the behind-the-scenes role which his position as Governor-General and later as President demanded. Although he remained an influential figure in the East, however, he performed his new duties with impartiality, considerable flair and a real feeling for the unity of Nigeria.

The election of December 1964 produced a serious conflict between the Northern People's Congress and the NCNC, which boycotted the polling booths. Azikiwe's sympathies, it was clear, lay with the NCNC and the East in a dispute that threatened to break the federation. For a day or so Nigeria's future hung in the balance. It was widely known that the President had prepared a broadcast to the people. In the event, his sense of constitutional propriety prevailed, and he called on Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa of the NPC once again to form a government. Of all Azikiwe's services to Nigeria, this action in 1964 may be judged by historians to be the greatest.

But the political situation did not improve — although Zik continued as President and his party remained in the Federal Coalition Government. The disaffection of the NCNC increased. In the Western Region election of October 1965, the NCNC, as part of the United Progressive Grand Alliance fought openly on the side of the opposition Action Group. As it lost in what was widely thought to have been a rigged election, the region descended into violence. Azikiwe left the country on a long tour, part vacation, part medical leave, part expression of concern and apprehension. Thus he was out of the country when the coup of January 15, 1966, unseated him, ushering in a period of military rule and civil war.

Although Zik was never again to hold high office, he was widely suspected of having had some sympathies with the Ibo majors who staged the coup, and the Ibo-dominated regime of Genral Ironsi which in fact took over, detaining the majors. Although the coup claimed national objectives, the taint of ethnic ambition hung over the Ironsi regime, provoking anti-Ibo riots and massacres, and a counter-coup later in the year. In all this Zik, with his distaste for violence, lay very low. The regime in Eastern Nigeria of Colonel Ojukwu occasionally tried to manipulate him but he counselled caution and was opposed to secession.

It was only after the region broke away from the Nigerian federation in May 1967 under the name of Biafra that it was possible to mobilise Zik, somewhat reluctantly, to speak out for the secessionist cause. Although later he said he never really meant it, the Biafrans were able to use his considerable international prestige and contacts to help to secure recognition for the secessionist state. He was among those whose influence counted in persuading President Nyerere of Tanzania and President Kaunda of Zambia into recognition, as well as, bizarrely, President Duvalier of Haiti. It was clear that Zik had little stomach for such activity, however, and he was in the group which met in Paris in September 1968 and which unsuccessfully sent a message to Ojukwu advising him to embark on serious negotiations with Lagos to end the war, after the French had told them there were limits to what they would do for them.

This enraged Ojukwu and no more was heard of the group. In July the next year Azikiwe was spotted passing through Lagos airport en route to Liberia and was persuaded to go and meet General Gowon, who persuaded him to stay. Although uncomfortable at being used as a propaganda weapon, his conversion was real enough, a clear indication of the way the wind was blowing. Indeed, it is hard to imagine that he had ever considered himself as anything but a Nigerian.

Because of the great sentimental support he still retained among the Ibos, Zik's defection was one more nail in Biafra's coffin. Once the war was over, he faded into the political background, and for eight years lived in his adopted home town of Nsukka, occasionally travelling, keeping his political contacts up. There was uncertainty, however, as to whether he would really take up the political cudgels again, in spite of the planned return to civilian rule of the late 1970s.

There are those who say it was only on learning that his old antagonist Chief Obafemi Awolowo (whom Zik blamed for splitting the nationalist movement in the early 1950s) was definitely running for the presidency that Zik decided to come out of retirement. He did so with the help of a young Ibo businessman called Jim Nwobodo, who managed to inject Zik into the leadership of one of the newly formed political parties, the Nigerian People's Party (NPP). Although some of the NPP's northern support split off, Zik's own political renaissance at the age of 74 ensured the party's base in the two states, Anambra and Imo, which, since 1976 made up the Ibo heartland. Nonetheless, in 1979 he reached only third place, well behind Shagari, who became President, and Awolowo. Echoing the action of 20 years before, the NPP went into coalition with the ruling NPN, and the old cycle of Nigerian politics seemed to recommence. This time, however, Zik took no offence.

In 1983, with an alliance between him and Awolowo's party again in the offing, because of discontents at being a junior and impotent partner in the coalition, there seemed to be a real chance of Zik giving up the struggle in favour of Awolowo, who was as determined as ever to become President. After a moving exchange of letters ("Dear Zik", "Dear Awo") between the two Grand Old Men of Nigerian politics, which set out their intertwined political histories, the siren call of politics seems once more to have overcome him. Some said it was pressure from his Ibo supporters, who still saw him as the best vote-winner they had: some said it was the thought that Awo might actually become President this time. Although one politician rather unfairly described Zik's political career as having been "consistently inconsistent", he had always been consistent in one thing — stopping Awolowo. Once again, he came a poor third in the 1983 elections, and left the political arena altogether. When Awolowo died in 1986, Zik was genuinely moved at not just the passing of an old enemy but of one of the great figures of southern Nigeria.

In his long retirement Zik enjoyed one diversion. In November 1989, thanks to the misplaced zeal of *The Daily Telegraph*, he became one of the few public figures able to read his own obituary. The reaction of this former journalist was not, though, a particularly charitable one. "I feel ashamed," he said, "to belong to a profession that could make that kind of blunder." It was a proof perhaps that even in old age he had not lost his capacity to sting.

Nnamdi Azikiwe is survived by his wife and children.

JOAN THIRKETTLE

Joan Thirkettle, ITN news reporter, died from cancer on May 11 aged 48. She was born on *September 14, 1947.*

JOAN THIRKETTLE was a general reporter for ITN for 22 years, latterly specialising in law reporting. For many television viewers she will be remembered simply as the woman with windswept hair, who stood sentinel outside countless courtroom buildings for *News at Ten*. But to fellow journalists, she was the consummate professional working journalist.

A naturally modest and private woman, Joan Thirkettle never let her own personality intrude between the viewer and the story she was reporting. Nor did the question of being female ever cloud her judgment on what sort of story she should cover. She was a general reporter who had her specialities without being a specialist, and who enjoyed the challenge of making herself mistress of a subject in a few hours. Her ability to rise to the most nightmarish scenario was best seen on the morning of John Smith's sudden death from a heart attack in 1994, when the Labour leader had been rushed to Bart's Hospital. ITN was as unprepared for such an eventuality as was the rest of Fleet Street, but they rounded up a crack news team who put out an excellent two-hour special on the drama as it unfolded. Joan Thirkettle reported live from Bart's, and the report won an award from the Royal Television Society.

As an interviewer, Joan Thirkettle had the useful ability to gain the confidence of people who, for whatever reason, did not normally like to be interviewed. For instance, in 1990 she pulled off a rare interview with Salman Rushdie — a feat in those days when the writer was not often seen in public. The dressmaking Emanuels talked to her in 1981, at the time of the Royal Wedding, when seemingly half the country was consumed with curiosity about the design of Lady Diana Spencer's wedding dress. Later she talked to the Prince of Wales about his village in Dorset — Poundbury — and in 1990 interviewed Norma Major, who was then very reluctant to step into the limelight as the new Prime Minister's wife.

One of her great strengths was her total lack of vanity. Reporters are not often on camera for more than 15 seconds during a report, and there was not time, in Joan Thirkettle's opinion, for the public to notice particularly what they were wearing. Besides which, she preferred to stay out of sight wherever possible: "I'm not important at all. The story is what's important and the pictures that tell it."

Richard Branson knew her professionally for years. He first met her when he was selling records, and when she was briefly working as a talent spotter for *Ready Steady Go*. Later their daughters attended the same school. She reported on his attempts to break the speed record for crossing the Atlantic — she was there on the Isles of Scilly when the first *Challenger* sank beneath the waves some miles short of its objective in 1985. Five years later she was one of the group of reporters who waited patiently with him in Japan for the favourable weather conditions needed to cross the Pacific in a hot-air balloon. Branson was amused to surprise her, one day shortly before take-off, in the process of brushing down his advance obituary notice.

Joan Elizabeth Thirkettle never wanted to be anything but a journalist. Educated locally at Bexleyheath she took an external degree in English Literature from London University. At the same time, she was taken on as a trainee researcher with Associated-Rediffusion. She followed this with a stint on the *Daily Mail* and in 1969 joined *The Sunday Times* as a property correspondent and business writer. She reported for BBC Radio and British Forces Broadcasting during the early 1970s, and in 1973 became a founder member of London Broadcasting Company. There she produced the station's two-hour lunchtime news magazine programme.

She joined ITN in 1974 and remained with it for the rest of her professional life, covering around 1,500 stories over her two decades for *News at Ten*, at the rate of roughly one or two a week. Carol Barnes started there at about the same time as her (they had also worked together at LBC). Joan Thirkettle was one of the only women of her generation there to make a conscious decision to stick to general news reporting.

There were two sides to her as a reporter — terrier-like and rational in her investigative skills, compassionate by nature — and this was reflected in her choice of stories. She reported sensitively on the famine in Ethiopia in the mid-1980s; and in 1987 she uncovered the story of Stephen Wilshire, an autistic boy with remarkable artistic talents. It was she who persuaded her producers to let her take him to New York, and to explore his abilities in more depth. Stephen Wilshire astounded observers there by executing a set of detailed sketches of Manhattan skyscrapers from memory.

But more recently she specialised on the labyrinthine complexities of criminal law and appeals. Her last on-screen report was in February this year. She had been ill with cancer for six months.

Joan Thirkettle had some unexpected interests outside news reporting. She occasionally presented music programmes for Classic FM, wrote short stories and studied natural history. She lived in that part of Camden Town in north London which is densely populated with writers.

Her marriage to Jonathon Wallace — grandson of the thriller writer Edgar Wallace — ended in divorce in 1986. Thereafter she juggled professional commitments with the demands of single parenthood. She is survived by her son and daughter.

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A leading article drew parallels from history and underlined with figures the strength of Churchill's all-party support.

MR CHURCHILL MEETS THE HOUSE

The House of Commons met yesterday to greet the new Government, and showed by the ring in its cheers both for the incoming Prime Minister and for his predecessor that it was well satisfied with the rapid completion of a front uniting all parties. It had only one duty to perform, and Mr Churchill's brief speech, calling it to that duty, was in every way worthy of a war leader.

Just as Garibaldi in his darkest hour offered his followers only "hunger, thirst, forced marches, battles and death," and found men willing to suffer these things in order that tyranny should perish, so Mr Churchill yesterday offered the nation only "blood, toil and tears" until the same high purpose is achieved; and he, too, will inspire a whole nation to sustain and support him in the struggle.

Again, just as Clemenceau in the darkest hour of the last war gave France new resolve with the phrase which rang through Parliament and the nation: "Je fais la guerre," so Mr Churchill yesterday defined the spirit of his Government in the single phrase "to wage war". With that spirit no one can doubt that Government and nation will achieve victory.

The degree to which the nation is behind the Government was shown in more than the vote of 381 to nil by which the House of Commons endorsed its formation yesterday, and by more than the utterances of every responsible member during the debate. At the Labour Party conference the action of Labour leaders in joining the Government was endorsed by 2,413,000 votes to 170,000, and Mr Attlee has therefore received in the fullest measure the mandate for which he asked. Undoubtedly the nation is happier and stronger now that its leaders of every party have agreed to share in the responsibility for the conduct of the war, and as much credit is due to those who have uncomplainingly accepted a smaller share of responsibility as to those who have accepted their full share for the first time.

One word of warning, uttered by the Prime Minister yesterday, may be underlined. "We have before us," he said, "an ordeal of the most grievous kind." A battle on the scale now engaged cannot be expected to pursue from first to last a course which will earn the Government applause. It is not applause which either they or the men in the thick of the battle want. It is unwavering and unfaltering endurance both in good times and in bad.

As President Chirac begins a state visit to Britain, *Times* writers in London and Paris take stock of his influence at home and abroad

A honeymoon that has lasted a year

ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS

When President Chirac arrives today, he will have a pleasant surprise. Britain is one of the few countries where the French leader's honeymoon has already lasted a year, and shows no sign of going sour. Indeed Britain is currently in the middle of a periodic infatuation with all things French. Not only is Eric Cantona Britain's favourite footballer; but an enthusiasm for its new President has replaced years of suspicion when François Mitterrand was in the Elysée.

The change is partly personal and partly political. Jacques Chirac was immediately perceived here as an Anglophile. He speaks English; he has a bluff, hearty manner; he seemed to find the alliance with Germany too suffocating and wanted to do more business with Britain.

Some of these perceptions are true; others are wishful thinking. For the fact is that John Major desperately needed a new friend in Europe, and Chirac seemed to be the answer. Mr Major wanted to show his critics that his middle-of-the-road view of Europe was gaining ground abroad. M Chirac, he believed, was a fellow conservative who shared the Gaullist conception — now so popular in Britain — of a *Europe des patries*. Here was a man who was more pro-American than any previous French leader, who was determined to take France back into Nato, who chose the British model for his proposed reform of French defence and who had the courage to attempt the radical social restructuring that Margaret Thatcher carried out here.

Anglo-French relations had been in need of repair. The Mitterrand years, when France was leading the push for a more closely integrated Europe, were the low point: Margaret Thatcher, angered at being patronised by President Giscard, had little time for the incoming Socialist President and increasingly saw the Paris-Bonn axis as inimical to British interests. She believed Paris was the main basis of support for Jacques Delors, then European Commission President, and was the driving force behind giving greater power to Brussels. She was intensely suspicious of M Mitterrand's socialism, personality and intentions. France, Britain believed, was intent on reducing American influence in Europe, belittling the effectiveness of Nato and pursuing its own national interest abroad.

France, in turn, saw Mrs Thatcher as a strident English nationalist determined to undermine French trade and economic policies, wreck the common agricultural policy and halt all EU attempts at political integration.

The nadir of trust came when M Mitterrand paid a state visit a decade ago and some of his security guards were accused of trying to smuggle arms into Britain — an attempt played down by the embarrassed French as a way of testing British security.

Some of the suspicion of M Mitterrand lingered after Mr Major came to power, though increasing military co-operation in Bosnia and the reunification of Germany brought London and Paris closer. There were shared concerns about German policy.

The atmosphere improved on M Chirac's election. Mr Major hoped that his overt support for French nuclear testing would win political points in Paris, and France in return would come to Britain's aid in the crucial debates on the Maastricht Two treaty. Britain does not want to be isolated again. Although it disagrees with Paris on monetary union, there are areas where the two are close: the primacy of the Council of Ministers, the need for a more effective common foreign policy, the wish to limit the powers of the Brussels Commission and the European Parliament.

But M Chirac has found that France's interests are, inevitably, tied to Germany. There is no sign that France is taking a more "sceptical" view of Europe or that it is ready to support Mr Major in the inter-governmental conference. Nevertheless, relations are excellent with regard to defence.

Bosnia has brought the two closer together. It led to a new respect for each other's Armed Forces and a co-ordination of their UN roles. Shielded from publicity, the Bilateral Commission, set up in 1992, has brought Europe's two nuclear powers together not only in defence concepts but in such vital matters as targeting strategy.

For Mr Major, this co-operation is an important sign that not all relationships in Europe have to go through Brussels. That is why Britain moved swiftly to invite M Chirac on a state visit where, in London, he will celebrate his first year in office. Parliament will listen to him with respect and the Queen will be the first to offer congratulations.

MICHAEL BINYON
Diplomatic Editor

The bulldozer gains ground

PROFILE OF THE PRESIDENT

The strikes, bombs, international outrage over nuclear testing, flailing franc, laggard economy and dwindling opinion polls that marked M Chirac's first few months as President of France would have browbeaten a less confident man. But, as befits his nickname "Le Bulldozer", France's Gaullist President has jolted over the bumps, emerging in better shape than many would have predicted.

A year after his election, M Chirac can raise perhaps two cheers: the franc is stronger, his popularity is rising and the nuclear fracas and last summer's terrorist bombing campaign are fading from memory.

Even his toughest critics are forced to admit that M Chirac has grown into the job. "Suddenly Chirac feels himself to be President," observed the left-leaning *Libération* newspaper. The *entente* between Britain and France is more *cordiale* than it has been for years, thanks in part to what M Chirac's advisers say is the President's "special affection" for Britain.

> 'Even his toughest critics are forced to admit that Jacques Chirac has grown into the job'

The impetuosity that marked M Chirac's first few months in office has given way to a more considered approach, while the campaign platform that seemed to offer all things to all men has been drastically streamlined.

Critics, including many within the ruling coalition, believed that M Chirac's decision to advertise the resumption of nuclear testing so far in advance made his Government a sitting target.

M Chirac came to power promising to cut taxes, reduce unemployment and mend France's "social fabric". For the first few months, the Government appeared almost paralysed by the contradictions of its campaign pledges, but last October the crunch came when M Chirac gravely announced that fiscal austerity was the order of the day. The rest, he implied, would have to wait.

While Alain Juppé was taking the flak for the programme to cut social security spending (much of which had to be jettisoned), M Chirac kept a low profile.

The Elysée has made good use of the Chirac style — informal, loquacious and charming — by ensuring that key statements are made directly to the nation, either through articles written by M Chirac in the French press or on television.

PASCAL LE SEGRETAIN/SYGMA

An old hand at marketing: the Elysée has made good use of the Chirac style — informal, loquacious and charming

Where the late François Mitterrand appeared an aloof figure, M Chirac has the knack of seeming both dignified and personable. His address to the nation after the death of his predecessor and long-time rival was regarded as a *tour de force*.

Thanks partly to a concerted effort to get the President into the countryside, "La France profonde", M Chirac's popularity ratings have begun to climb in recent months. But the latest polls reveal a telling paradox: most voters find their President likeable and capable, but remain dubious of his policies. As his opponents are quick to point out, so far from falling, taxes and unemployment have risen during his first year.

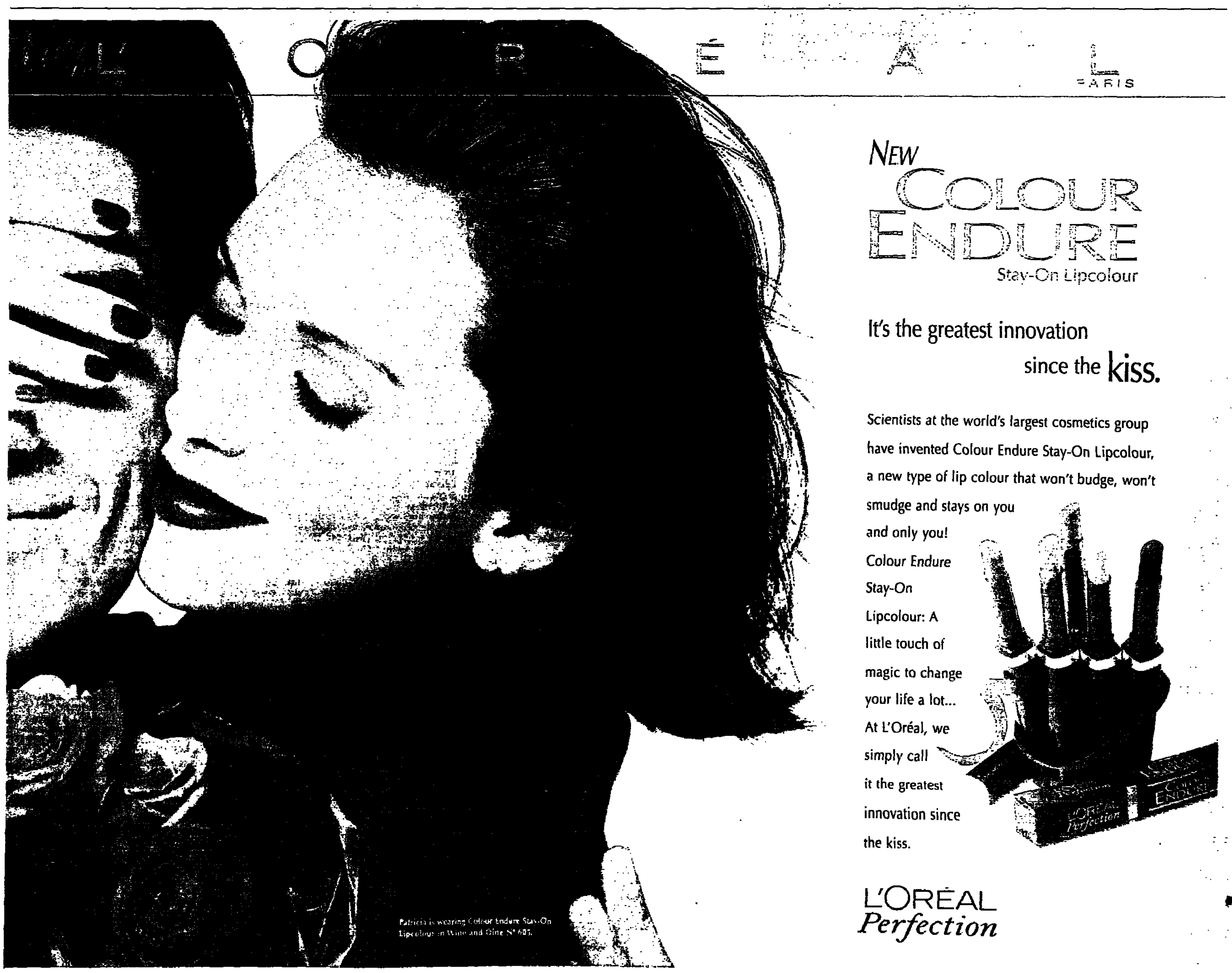
By pursuing a high-profile and fiercely independent foreign policy, M Chirac is treading, self-consciously, in the footsteps of General de Gaulle. The President's unilateral approach to the Bosnia conflict, his selective approach to the Schengen open-borders agreement and French diplomacy in the Middle East have not always won the plaudits of France's allies, but such initiatives are clearly intended to show that, in the words of a senior adviser, "France is back".

His personal standing is gradually improving, yet M Chirac is not yet out of the woods. The Government's determination to meet the criteria for a single European currency by slashing France's deficits to 3 per cent of GDP by next year remains a tantalisingly distant target. Last week, in an article in *Le Monde*, M Chirac gave warning that further belt-tightening would be necessary.

"Today the objective is clear: to reduce further public spending, since this is the only way to cut taxes from 1997 without making deficits larger," he wrote, adding that "the European Union must have a real identity, a single currency and a common policy on trade, foreign affairs and security."

There are obstacles ahead, not least the prospect of legislative elections in two years, but there is no sign that "Le Bulldozer" is running out of steam as he embarks on the second year of his seven-year term. "I have the will," he said recently, showing some of the steel beneath a velvety exterior. "But I also have the time."

BEN MACINTYRE
Paris Correspondent



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KATE MUIR MEETS FASHION MOGUL PIERRE CARDIN

Pierre Cardin on the balcony of his office in Paris, hub of his empire, overlooking the presidential Elysée Palace

The man who styled the world

PHOTOGRAPHS: JAMES MORGAN

Like many successful retailers, Pierre Cardin lives above the shop. The only difference is that his home overlooks the French President's palace, and the business downstairs has a turnover of more than a £1 billion a year.

Cardin is the French label that ate the world. Long before the politicians across the road in the Elysée Palace realised that the Iron Curtain was becoming rusty, and the Chinese economically frisky, Cardin was already selling fashion where governments feared to tread.

'With the Internet, designs can be copied within hours'

He has been in China for 20 years and has a hundred shops there — ironic, really, because it was Cardin who made the Mao jacket trendy on the fashion catwalks years ago.

"I've been here 51 years and I've seen eight Presidents come and go," says Cardin, gesturing across the chestnut trees of the elegant Avenue Marigny to the Elysée. In that time, his empire has gone from designing theatre costumes to a brand name that sells clothes, luggage, hotels, Maxim's restaurants and even own-brand sardines across 146 countries.

Cardin discussing new fashion fabrics in his workshop

At 74, he is now the grand old man of couture, although when he started designing in the 1950s he was seen as the *enfant terrible*. While the haute couturiers were still selling to a tiny A-list of clients, Cardin decided to mass-produce some of his designs and brought *prêt-à-porter* to the people. "Of course, the *Chambre Syndicale* (the exclusive couturiers' association) threw me out. Then a few years later they realised it worked and were begging me to be an honorary member."

Cardin saw the future long before his rivals, putting world domination before exclusivity. He realised that licensing his name to be used on approved products like perfumes and scarves — there are now nearly 1,000 — would result in extraordinary profits.

Americans, such as Calvin Klein, leapt rather late on the housewares to underwear bandwagon which Cardin set rolling. Ask people in shopping malls in Midwestern America to name a French designer, and polls show Pierre Cardin is the most familiar brand.

"I can live my life entirely within my empire," says Cardin, without a hint of modesty. "I can sleep on my sheets in my hotel, dine in my restaurant, wear my own clothes, sit on my sofa."

He points to the gold PC logo on the leather sofa in his offices. He is wearing his near-uniform of grey flannels and blue Cardin blazer.

"Other people may go out to eat, to hotels, to play golf, but all that is part of my business."

He is a workaholic, fond of 12-hour days, including weekends. After the interview he rushes round his workshops and offices, showing off cascades of designs, bolts of silk and treasured members of staff.

He leaps up on the windowsill when the photographer asks him to pose for a picture. He ought to be a pensioner but he has the energy level (and the attention span) of a two-year-old. He is like a bee in his own offices: buzzing, landing, tasting, and buzzing off again.

After days of administrative decisions, he dreams his designs at night and keeps a sketchbook and pens by his bedside: "It's not work, it's pleasure. It's no different from an artist enjoying and being fulfilled by his painting."

Cardin's acknowledged days of genius were in the 1960s when he brought astronaut-inspired suits onto the catwalk and used new synthetic materials like vinyl in extraordinary bubble minidresses. He dressed, among others, Jackie Kennedy, Bianca Jagger and Marlene Dietrich.

The Victoria and Albert Museum in London held a retrospective of his best designs a few years ago, but the same compliment has not been offered by the Parisians.

"You are not always respected at home,' he says. He is respected increasingly as a businessman and less as a designer. There is a Marks & Spencer-like solidity about Cardin creations, no bad thing, but he works in an industry which always worships the new.

'Young women have such good bodies that prêt-à-porter is fine'

He has, however, received the Legion of Honour, and a dozen fashion awards. He is recognised for maintaining fashion and design as one of France's biggest exports — in fact, so popular was he with the last presidential regime that Mitterrand used to let Cardin take his palace parking space. Mme Chirac is a regular at Cardin's private haute couture shows.

Cardin no longer allows photographers or television into his haute couture shows. "With the Internet and communications, your designs can be stolen and copied within hours," he says. Instead, he invites a few journalists and about 120 private clients, some of whom are the nouveau riche from Brazil, China and Russia. They still come for the haute couture cut, which can be very forgiving to the mature figure.

"Young women nowadays have such good bodies that *prêt-à-porter* is fine for them," says Cardin.

He is not, however, very impressed by his rivals' efforts. He riffles through photographs of his suits from the 1950s which are being ripped off once again: "I see nothing new out there, just recycling, recycling of old ideas — a lot of them mine."

Does self-esteem explain a French woman's mystique?

PERFUME

Ever since Coco Chanel launched France's best-selling fragrance, Chanel No 5, seventy-five years ago and Marilyn Monroe later remarked that in bed she wore nothing but the fragrance, French perfume has been the first choice of women the world over. For most, French perfume enjoys an unrivalled mystique.

As a Welshman running L'Oréal, the world's largest cosmetics company, Lindsay Owen-Jones is well placed to define the elusive quality that gives the French their international pre-eminence in matters of fragrance, fashion and — for that matter — food.

It is, he says, their essential sense of self-esteem. "The French place great value on their health and their appearance. They are prepared to spend more on themselves than the British and they are much more demanding. They want they best they can afford, and fragrances and cosmetics are high on their lists of priorities."

French women spend five times as much as British women on body care and twice as much on each visit to their hairdresser. French mothers traditionally introduce their daughters to the secrets and disciplines of make-up, hair care and grooming in a way that British women seldom do.

However, the British are catching up fast in the value they attach to beauty products, says Jean-Jacques Lebel, the managing director of L'Oréal in the UK. The company's British sales — 6 per cent of the world total — have increased by 50 per cent over the past five years.

L'Oréal was founded in 1907 by Eugène Schueller, a French chemist working in Paris, to make hair colouring. It now manufactures and markets such well-known cosmetic brands as Helena Rubinstein, Lancôme, Biotherm, Redken and the fragrances of Giorgio Armani, Guy Laroche, Paloma Picasso and Ralph Lauren.

Lindsay Owen-Jones, who combines the rugged appearance of a Welsh rugby player with the suave charm of a Jean-Paul Belmondo, joined the company after leaving Oxford and business school in Paris. He spent his first year driving around Normandy selling sachets of Dop shampoo to municipal bath houses.

He was appointed chairman of the board and chief executive in 1988 and cheerfully boasts that L'Oréal has recorded 11 years of growth, with the April 1996 net earnings figure standing at Fr3.4 billion (£440 million). The company prides itself on its research base and its innovative products in the fields of hair colourants, skincare, make-up and sun protection.

French women spend five times more than we do on body care

Last year it took out 272 new patent registrations, developed a high tolerance mascara for women with sensitive eyes and launched what the company calls a "revolutionary" non-transferring lipstick, which could remove at least one of the risks of illicit liaisons.

Now that perfume is an everday part of most women's lives — according to a recent survey 85 per cent use it and 50 per cent dab or spray it on at least once a day — it is strange to remember that when Coco Chanel created Chanel No 5 it was a radical concept which was to revolutionise the perfume industry. Its complex formula gave it a mysterious, indefinable quality, while the addition of formaldehyde provided staying power.

Previously, simple floral fragrances had been the only scents available. As these tended to fade quickly, both men and women would douse themselves in their favourite perfume to try to obtain a longer lasting effect — often with less than desired results. In Edmonde Charles-Roux's biography of Coco Chanel one turn-of-the-century diarist was quoted as saying: "The Duc de Mouchy was our nearest neighbour. I always knew when he had walked past on the pavement, because he left it reeking." The popularity of today's more subtle scents has created a booming perfume industry with manufacturers frequently bringing out new scents in the hope of coming up with a winner.

But the sweet smell of success can be elusive. Of the 100 scents launched last year in France, only a few will prove to be top earners for the companies, which can spend up to £20 million on creating and marketing a new product.

The biggest new perfume of the past six years has been Lancôme's Tresor, launched in 1990. It has become Europe's second bestselling fragrance. Other new scents tipped to do well are the floral Poème, also by Lancôme, which was launched last autumn, and Chanel's new star, Allure, launched this spring and promoted as "difficult to define, impossible to resist" — a description with which most women, when faced with the seductive charms of the wonderful array of French perfumes available to them today, would have to agree.

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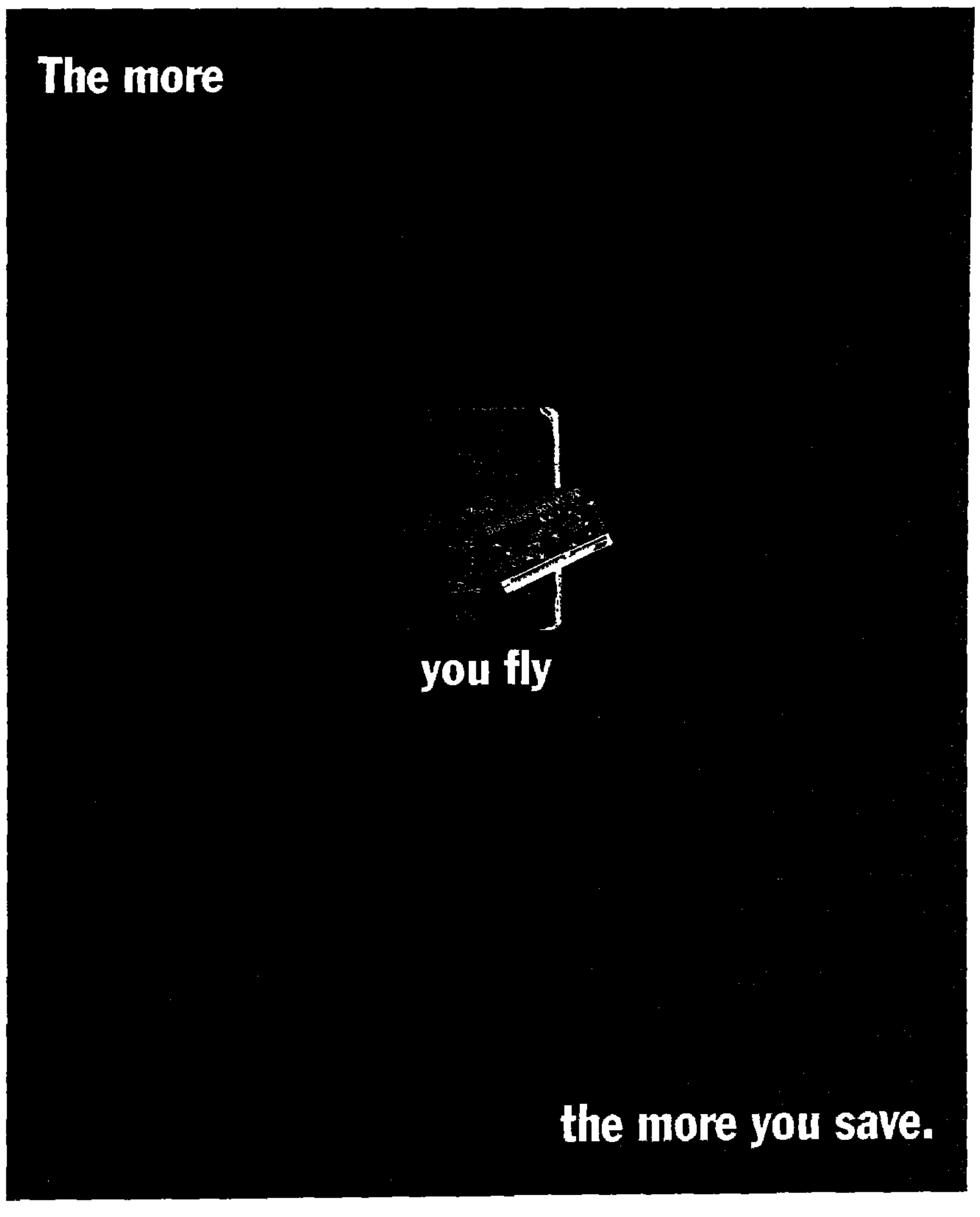

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National Front lands a right hook

POLITICS

The ruling majority is drawing up its battle plans. The left-wing Opposition is on the offensive. And the ultra-right National Front is threatening to sow panic across the political spectrum.

Twelve months after Jacques Chirac became the French head of state, electoral fever is once more in the air. The legislative elections may be two years away but the main parties are marking out their ground ahead of a poll that will be decisive in shaping France in the 21st century.

Will M Chirac have the legislature of his choice? Or will he have to cohabit with an aggressive Socialist government? And will Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front increase its significant influence? The Gaullist Rassemblement pour la République (RPR) was created in 1976 to back M Chirac's bid to become President. Once its mission was finally accomplished, the movement wondered what it should do next. For several months last year, it gave every impression of lacking direction and identity. Supporters of Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, called for monetary rigour and commitment to Europe. Partisans of Edouard Balladur, his predecessor and failed presidential candidate, urged tax cuts.

Meanwhile, the RPR's rising star, Philippe Seguin, speaker of the National Assembly, seemed to be on the verge of restarting his anti-Maastricht crusade with a call to increase public spending and, hence, public deficits.

A series of by-election defeats served to restore order to the movement. The Balladurians have fallen into line since the start of the year. Once they criticised M Juppé's controversial proposals to reduce social security spending; now they praise the plan as unavoidable. Where they moaned about the PM's lack of charisma, they now compliment him on his austerity.

Even the Euro-sceptics have quietened down. In a party built around the personality of M Chirac, his conversion to the cause of Euro-enthusiasm have left M Seguin and colleagues with a stark choice. Either they found themselves pushed to the fringe of the movement or they backed the president. Mindful that if he attacked M Chirac, he destroyed his chances of becoming prime minister, M Seguin took the prudent path, arguing that since Maastricht had been ratified it had to be implemented.

"What is at stake in the legislative elections is to give the President the means to fulfil the commitments he made during the election campaign," said M Juppé at the beginning of May. "It is united around his record, united around his project, and united around his choice of men that the majority will go into the legislative battle."

It would be wrong, however, to assume that the Gaullists' problems are over. Far from it. The Socialist Opposition, led by its presidential contender, Lionel Jospin, has also put its divisions aside as it concentrates on the "disappointment" of M Chirac's year in office.

Underlining the gulf that separated campaign pledges to end France's "social fracture" and the reality of austerity budgets designed to prepare the country for European monetary union, M Jospin has tapped into a rich seam of public frustration. The under-30s, whose vote was decisive in M Chirac's triumph last May, have been particularly receptive to Socialist claims that the Government has let them down. As a result, the Gaullists are in danger of losing their majority at the elections.

More disturbingly, perhaps, M Le Pen has been making similar criticisms of the government, and reaping similar dividends. His fierce anti-immigration — and often anti-immigrant — rhetoric brought him 15 per cent of the vote in last year's presidential poll, and since then his standing seems to have increased.

Arguing that France can only hope to cut its unemployment total of three million people if it expels three million immigrants, the National Front is on course to enter the National Assembly, winning about ten seats, according to recent polls.

France must expel three million immigrants to cut employment, says Le Pen

Attempting to pull the rug from under M Le Pen's feet, Jean-Louis Debré, the Interior Minister, has ordered expulsions of several planeloads of illegal immigrants. He is considering proposals to tighten immigration laws: an option is to force arrivals from "sensitive countries" to give fingerprints at French borders.

M Debré argues that his measures are the only effective way of stemming the ultra-right tide. If they fail, traditional politics could be replaced by a more cynical struggle in which M Le Pen has the upper hand, he says. For Europe, that would be profoundly dangerous.

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Voice of youth: some Chirac supporters say the Government has let them down

Le Pen: increased standing

Jospin: public frustration

Spring offensive starts to beat the depression

ECONOMICS

Two events just north of Paris have raised spirits as the French economy comes out of its winter slump provoked by the widespread strikes last December.

At Saint Denis on the A1 motorway, the new Fr2.6 billion (£33 million) Stade de France, principal venue of the 1998 World Soccer Cup, is rapidly taking shape, fed by Fr2 billion worth of new roads and fast Metro lines.

Further north at Charles de Gaulle airport, the American parcels giant, Federal Express, is starting work on a new Fr1 billion complex, designed to be the main European link in a round-the-world service starting this year.

The sight of cranes on the horizon has created something of a "feel-good" factor after the disappointing end to 1995, when growth slumped to 2.1 per cent.

The economy and consumer spending, in particular, picked up sharply in the first two months of this year, but has stabilised since. The Government's prediction of 1.5 per cent growth in 1996 is accepted by most independent experts. An upturn is foreseen in the second half of the year, leading to much stronger growth, perhaps in the region of 2.8 per cent, in 1997.

The Government is committed to draconian cuts in public spending of some Fr60 billion, but both President Chirac and Alain Juppé, his Prime Minister, have said that the tax burden will be eased from September. Jean Arthuis, the Economy Minister, is not so sure that this will be possible, but parliamentary elections in 1998 mean that the economy will be stimulated by one means or another.

The Government has managed to bring inflation under control — from 8 per cent last year, it stands at just over 2 per cent at the moment — and has recently cut interest rates.

However, unemployment stands at nearly 12 per cent, or some three million people. This is an explosive issue as many large companies, such as Alcatel Alsthom, the telecommunications giant and makers of the TGV express trains, need to restructure or downsize in order to return to profit.

The same goes for big state groups such as Air France and French Railways which are losing huge sums, and France Télécom which makes money but which must come to terms with European telecommunications deregulation in little more than a year.

The state's health service, *la securité sociale*, is running a Fr45 billion annual deficit and defies attempts at reform. Cuts are difficult given the extent of the massive transport workers strikes in December, which were motivated by planned reductions of benefits and pensions.

The main concern for France is what happens next door in Germany, its principal trading partner. Despite Germany's downturn, the French once again reported a healthy trade surplus in 1995 of Fr107 billion, some Fr20 billion higher than in 1994.

The banking sector is in crisis and mergers and modernisation are badly needed. When it comes to modernisation, the Government is setting the trend with its measures to attract foreign investment. France claims it is just as attractive as Britain for foreign investors. Jean-Daniel Tordjman, the Government's ambassador-at-large responsible for investment, points to the $150 billion of foreign investment in France since the early 1980s with last year's figure, some $12 billion, higher for the first time than the amount invested by French firms abroad. Foreign enterprises, with their two million workers, provide a quarter of all manufacturing jobs and are responsible for 30 per cent of French exports.

Britain's $195 billion of foreign investment over the same period includes reinvested profits, says M Tordjman, who travels around the world drumming up investment through his Invest in France agency, part of the Ministry of Economy and Finance.

Whatever the pros and cons of the statistical argument, France is certainly up there with Britain as the main magnet in Europe. In February, the Government removed all investment restrictions, except in the defence sector. This spring it introduced measures to make foreign investment even more attractive. These included the right of foreign companies to bring in their own managers. Companies' tax status is to be fixed and stay stable, and those wishing to open shops will have a mere 15 days' delay instead of a minimum of six months.

M Tordjman admits that Britain benefited from French mistakes on restrictions in the past. "The number of foreign firms arriving here now shows that we have changed." There is a lot of activity by Japanese, American and domestic telecommunications firms in mobile phones, a market set to explode in France. Increasingly, France's engineers are switching to telecommunications and this large pool of talent has attracted 400 internationals research centres in the past few years.

M Tordjman says some European countries should stop selling Europe short because the attraction of Asia is growing and the region last year outperformed Europe in the foreign investment stakes.

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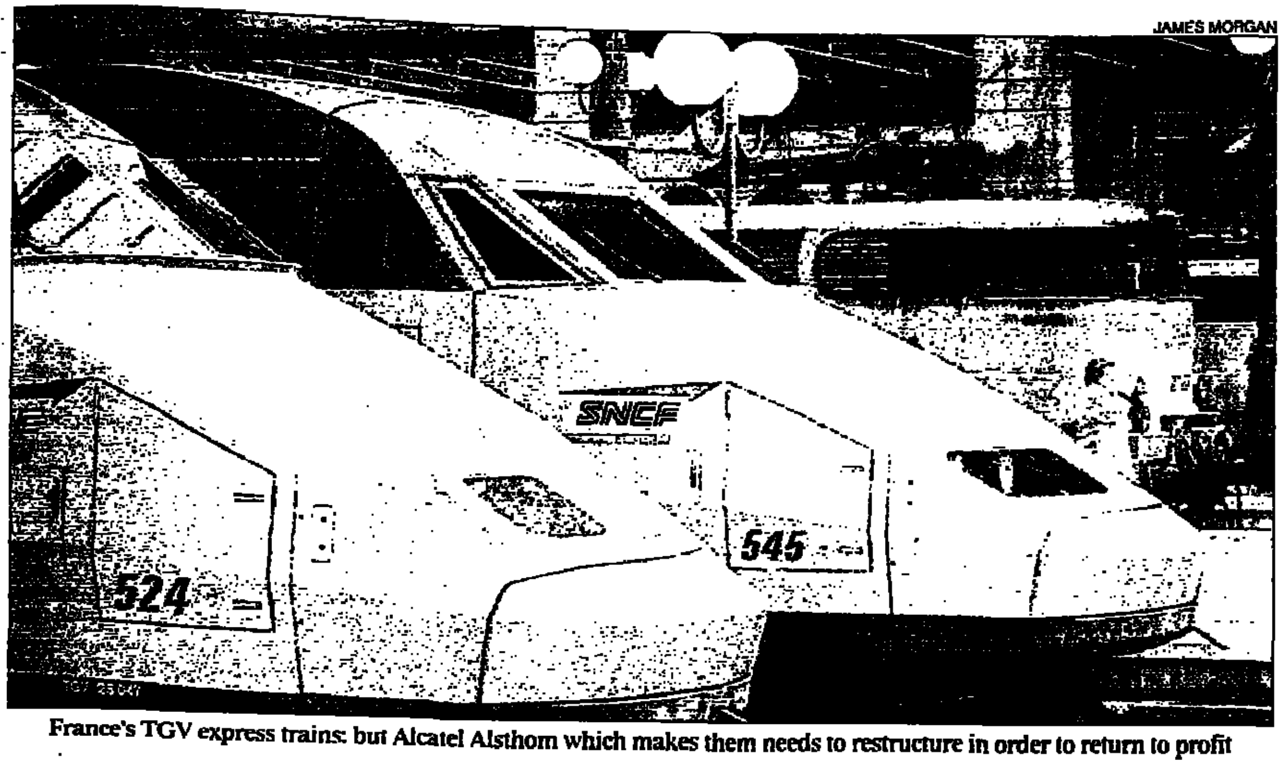

France's TGV express trains: but Alcatel Alsthom which makes them needs to restructure in order to return to profit

Turbulent time in industry

INDUSTRY

French industry has entered a period of turbulence accompanied by many doubts and just one certainty: it will not emerge in the same form.

From aerospace to cars, and from defence to electronics, companies are facing a series of overhauls as they strive to compete with rivals abroad. With a balance of payments that shows a surplus of about Fr30 billion (£3.8 million) some of Europe's biggest firms and a wealth of know-how, the French appear well equipped for the next century.

As industry leaders themselves admit, however, appearances can be deceptive. France's brand of state directive capitalism has left it with an industrial base that is technologically impressive but commercially deficient. Dominique Mars, a Paris-based business analyst, said: "In terms of profitability, France is *playing in the second division*." The mergers, privatisations and shake-ups under consideration are designed in large measure to remedy this failing. But many of the reforms are politically inspired by a Gaullist-led administration determined that France should remain a global power.

Aérospatiale is a case in point. With its 38,600 employees and its leading role in the Tolouse-based Airbus consortium, the company has its fingers in many lucrative pies. The maker of Ariane rockets, Exocet missiles, combat helicopters and Airbus planes, it should be a jewel in the French industrial crown.

Instead, it is a headache. The State, which owns 82 per cent of its capital, has been a stultifying partner, bringing in neither funds nor ideas. With losses of Fr1 billion last year and debts of Fr16.5 billion. *Aérospatiale is lagging* far behind British Aerospace and the German Dasa, and this despite technical expertise on a par with any competitor.

The electronics sector is every bit as complex. Like Aérospatiale, Thomson is a strategic group with a worldwide reputation, and like Aérospatiale, is on the list of state-owned firms destined for privatisation.

Thomson's sell-off has been marked down for this year, however, sparking interest from heavyweights in France and abroad. With its multimedia arm, one of the biggest manufacturers of televisions in the world, and its defence arm, Thomson CSF, the group is potentially attractive, although shares are unlikely to be offered to the public.

The Government wants to sell Thomson without splitting it up but the consequent *asking price, FF40 billion*, is a deterrent. Marcel Roulet, the former head of France Télécom appointed to pilot Thomson's privatisation, has been asked to draw up plans by June. He began by sounding out potential purchasers only to be met with lukewarm interest.

Renault once thought it would be sold into the private sector long before Thomson, or AGF, the insurance group now going through the process. When the Government floated just under half Renault's shares 18 months ago, the next step seemed a formality. However, its share price and sales have since fallen. "Renault is on hold," said a government source.

The gloom deepens with the publication of figures showing that in France the combined market share of Renault and the Peugeot-Citroën group has fallen to about 55 per cent, while Fiat and Volkswagen have been gaining ground. "People always find that our cars are too expensive," Louis Schwietzer, Renault's chairman, said this month, "but we have to sell very complex and very rich products at mass market prices."

For France's nuclear industry, which supplies 75 per cent of the country's energy needs and exports more than Fr 15 billion worth of electricity a year, the future is clearer. The Government has committed itself to updating the country's 54 nuclear power stations at a cost of between Fr600 billion *and Fr100 billion*.

France's electricity supply company, EDF, which is soon to take delivery of a new EPR 2000 reactor, is likely to create a special fund to help to pay the tens of billions of francs that it will take to decommission existing nuclear power stations. The financial burden is heavy. But at least EDF knows that the strategies it has followed and the base that it has laid down are not being challenged. The same cannot be said for much of the rest of French industry.

ADAM SAGE

Pedalling through history

TOURISM

The French take their cycling seriously. The Tour de France is a physical tour de force, watched and cheered on by millions as the swift snake of riders winds its way around the country.

A *Tour en France along the* Loire organised by Explore Worldwide takes an opposite, un-French approach to cycling: no yellow jerseys and no entourage of television cameras, sports commentators or commercial sponsors cling to our wake. The main object is a gentle, uncompetitive pedal down the peaceful valley, so beloved by French kings and aristocrats that they built their castles and cultivated their vineyards close to the river there.

A car is too quick and walking rather slow for this countryside; a bicycle gives exactly the right pace to enjoy the scenery and cover the distance in the 13 days taken between Montrichard and Saumur. The route follows the river as it winds westwards through a region crowded with *historical interest but with mercifully few serious* hills to climb.

Our 11-strong group is met from the train from Paris at Montrichard by Graham Bullock, Explore's "meeter and greeter", repairer of punctures and support driver. His van pulls a trailer filled with a selection of hardy, multi-geared bicycles which he adjusts for each rider. Lightweight safety helmets, rather like sturdy soufflés, are handed round.

The routine is for luggage to be carried to the day's destination in the van, allowing the group to cycle unladen. Explore has booked rooms for *the party in a variety of small*, comfortable hotels along the way and provides a route plan detailed to the smallest road junction. Each morning after breakfast the day's itinerary is posted and Graham Bullock briefs the group on hazards to be expected, places of interest to visit and distances to be covered. The average daily ride is about 18 to 20 miles, although those with stouter limbs and greater enthusiasm may add on longer diversions.

Our group includes an American telephone engineer with tireless legs, an Australian restaurant manageress and keep-fit zealot, a York*shire lawyer and his wife and* a college lecturer who customised her bicycle with a wickerwork basket containing a baguette wrapped in a towel, cheese and a flask of coffee. With such a cross-section of cyclists, the group soon spreads out, each rider pedalling at his or her own pace.

Wherever possible the route steers well away from main highways, choosing instead lanes winding through open countryside or beside vineyards that spread neat as corduroy across the valley floor. In mid-September the temperature is perfect for *cycling with an autumn crispness* in the air.

After two days in Montrichard, *where Richard the* Lionheart was once besieged and imprisoned during the struggles between the Plantagenets and the Kings of France, the group have found their cycling legs and are wheeling their way to the Château Chenoneaux, an imposing 16th-century pile, built in the middle of the river Cher. An easy ride through forest leads to the ancient town of Amboise.

The choice on day four is between a relaxing visit to the town's Royal Château and the Leonardo da Vinci museum at the Château le Clos-Luce, or a more energetic trip to the hilltop Château Chaumont which gives superb views across the river and surrounding woodland.

*The tour becomes a delight*ful succession of elegant castles, with the Château at Azay and in the forest of Chinon the Château d'Usse, reputedly the setting for the Sleeping Beauty. A long freewheel down a winding hill into the medieval streets of Chinon and across the river Vienne ends at our small hotel overlooked by the fortress where Joan of Arc met and recognised the Dauphin Charles in 1429.

The route then follows lanes to Fontevraud Abbey, near where the Vienne meets the Loire and famous as the resting place of the Kings of England. Decorated tombs contain the remains of Henry II, his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine, and Richard the Lionheart.

The tour ends in a downpour at Saumur where the *prospect of a hot bath in the* hotel overwhelms even the attractions of a last imposing château and a display at the Ecôle Nationale d'Equitation.

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Like all Western European nations, however, France has not been immune to the fast-food and microwave invasion, and in recent years French eating habits have undergone several dramatic changes. Where once a three-hour lunch was considered the norm, the average Frenchman or woman often prefers to grab a snack nowadays, spending just an hour and 20 minutes a day à *table*. The drive towards a healthier and less fattening diet has led the French to consume considerably fewer eggs and potatoes, to reduce their sugar intake and to cut the amount of bread they eat: in the past 30 years this has fallen by half, leading bakers to make dire forecasts that if the French fail to support the baguette (virtually a national symbol) it will disappear from their shops.

Even wine consumption has fallen, with the average person getting through only 25 bottles a year instead of 90.

Struggling with the problems of recession in recent years, many French families have chosen to stay at home to save money, and have turned increasingly to convenience foods, microwave dinners and even — dare it be said — the pizza delivery man.

As the French regard their culinary expertise as an important part of their *patrimoine* or national heritage, this shift in eating habits has generated considerable concern at the highest levels. The Culture Ministry has advised schools to introduce special gastronomic courses to encourage children, increasingly seduced by the instant gratification of McDonald's, to appreciate the fine products and cuisine of their region.

The revolution in eating habits has also struck at the heart of the French restaurant business, causing profound changes in the Gallic approach to dining out. While the 1990s have seen many of France's most prestigious restaurants suffering from a creeping malaise, in part brought on by exorbitant prices and the tendency to ruin old-fashioned ambiance with stuffy etiquette, an exciting new trend has emerged for moderately priced bistros boasting high-quality food and innovative menus. While grand restaurants such as Maxim's in Paris are half empty, many of the newer establishments, where diners can enjoy a fixed-menu lunch for about £20 per person, have two-week waiting lists.

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Jones Boys Six clinch win after stomach-churning end to great first year of ITF

Shopping stops Jones going off his trolley

Mike Jones had just come in from doing the shopping when Eric Cantona's late goal settled the FA Cup Final on Saturday. Jones had chosen Saturday afternoon as being the ideal time for busily hunting through the aisles of Tescos for baked beans and cans of soup for more reasons than just convenience. He had wanted to avoid the match.

Jones, a mathematics teacher at Meadowhead Comprehensive in Sheffield, held a slender advantage at the top of the leaderboard in Interactive Team Football (ITF) going into the final week, which comprised just the Wembley showpiece. He thought that Jones Boys Six, his team, was far enough ahead to hang on, provided that the final did not need a replay to resolve the outcome. At 0-0, he was worried, but Cantona's strike moments after his arrival home brought welcome relief.

"I couldn't bare to watch the match with so much at stake," Jones said. "The only way I could lose was a replay or, possibly, a high-scoring game. Cantona's goal provided welcome relief, not least because I had transferred him into my team specially for the game."

Jones admitted that luck had naturally played its part in his success, but it was his consciensclous approach to monitoring fixtures sometimes weeks ahead that ensured that he stayed ahead of the competition.

"I was constantly looking through books of statistics, checking injury reports and fixtures and even looking at disciplinary records," he said. "Mark Hughes and Roy Keane are examples of players who are very talented and always score goals, but happen to get booked too much. Their style of play tends to result in lost points through sendings off and lost time through suspensions, so, at the end of the day, they are a bad risk in ITF."

The Jones Boys Six team that finished the competition comprised: goalkeeper: K Branagan (Bolton Wanderers); full backs: P Neville (Manchester United), L Dixon (Arsenal); central defenders: P Albert (Newcastle United), M Wright (Liverpool); midfield players: S Watson (Newcastle United), R Earle (Wimbledon), J Redknapp (Liverpool), I Woan (Nottingham Forest); strikers: C Armstrong (Tottenham Hotspur), E Cantona (Manchester United); manager: J Kinnear (Wimbledon).

Robbie Earle did fine service to Jones Boys Six, but it was Peter Schmeichel who the manager awarded player-of-the-year honours. "Schmeichel, like Manchester United, had a slowish start to the year, but really came good when I needed him and is probably more responsible for my success than any other single player," Jones said.

"I was forced to take him out before the Cup Final just in case the unexpected happened, but, in the end, he typically kept a clean sheet and I need not have worried."

Jones is not planning any wild celebrations as the responsibilities of bringing up his young twin boys has to be remembered, and the money will probably go to providing for the future of "Jones Boys Two" rather than extravagances.

Jones's joy was Richard Layton's despair. The manager of the valiant Layton's Lions had chased the winner hard for a month but, in the end, he had just too much to do to close the gap.

The two men came face to face at the ITF awards lunch held at the themed football restaurant "Football Football" in London's Haymarket on Sunday. Layton was generous in defeat and could only reflect that "Cantona could have cost me everything".

Third place went to Rajesh and Bhupesh Gohil, from London, whose Gohils Gods 65 team dropped away only in the closing stages. The two men admitted that the competition had given them some great thrills and they were awaiting next year's keenly. In the meantime, the Euro 96 version of the game, to be launched on Saturday in *The Times*, will keep them entertained.

When the contest had entered its final month, the outcome had seemed to rest between a handful of competitors, but the benefits of playing hard to the end were highlighted by Percys Progress, who, moved up to fifth overall and in so doing landed the £500 cheque for manager of the month for April.

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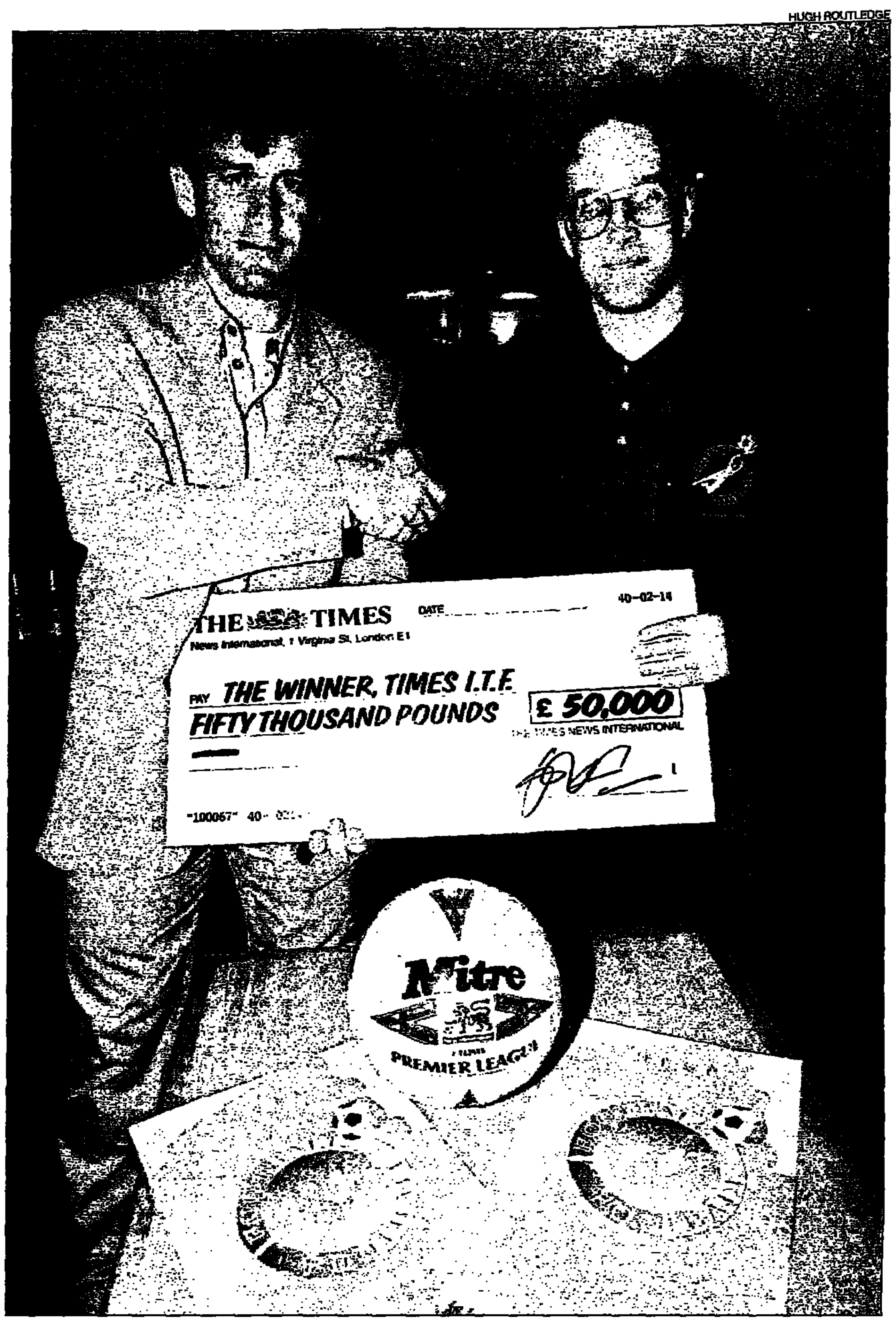
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Jones receives the £50,000 ITF cheque from Mark Hughes at the ITF awards lunch on Sunday

Leading players at awards luncheon

LEADING players from the FA Carling Premiership gathered at the presentation awards lunch of the inaugural £50,000 Interactive Team Football (ITF) competition.

The ceremony, held at the newly-opened themed restaurant, "Football Football", in London's Haymarket, brought together the top ten finishers in the competition with some of football's leading lights, such as Mark Hughes, of Chelsea, and Gary Mabbutt, of Tottenham Hotspur.

Hughes presented the £50,000 winner's cheque to Mike Jones for the success of his team, Jones Boys Six, after which he praised the efforts of the game in lifting the public understanding of the Premiership and its players to new heights.

ITF is to return next season in a slightly different form and it is hoped that, through the promotion of the game in schools, pubs and other institutions, the number of players competing will be increased to far more than the 260,000 who took part in the highly successful inaugural version of the game.

In order to maintain the interest of avid ITF players during the summer, *The Times* is launching a Euro 96 version of the game in a tabloid supplement that will appear on Saturday.

This competition will run over the course of the European championship finals and demand that ITF players display their knowledge of European football to score points in a similar fashion to the FA Carling Premiership version of the game.

The main difference will be that their will be no values attached to the players. Instead, entrants will be limited to two players from each European team and asked to include one player from the special "rising star" category, covering Europe's most exciting young players.

The competition will serve to provide added interest to the championship and anyone with specialist knowledge of European football is sure to enjoy a big advantage.

INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL FINAL SCORES

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	Jones Boys Six	(M Jones)	734
2	Laytons Lions	(R Layton)	725
3	Gohils Gods 65	(B Gohil)	718
4	Jones Boys Four	(M Jones)	714
5	Percys Progress	(M Persich)	703
6	K P Fantasy Team 4	(K Patel)	694
7	Langton Longshots	(J Ward)	686
8	Estuary	(P Giles)	680
9	County Pine A	(J Hunt)	679
10	Nigels Right Foot	(D Patel)	678
11	Tonys All Stars	(A Boyland)	676
11	Bunwell United	(R Banham)	676
13	Jaggy Thistle	(J Bruce)	674
13	Kisspurs Five	(E Kisby)	674
15	Nobby One	(A Brown)	667
15	Sams All Stars	(J Allen)	667
17	Ormy Stars	(D Gornall)	666
17	Fair Fair Flapster	(C Woodward)	666
19	Jordans XI	(P Barnard)	665
20	Adams Man Or God 4	(R Pike)	662
21	Teddy Five	(B Bare)	661
22	Vesuvio	(G Batchelor)	659
23	Rassell 3	(D Shuter)	657
24	Reggie's Reds	(J Bridge)	656
24	Tommy Cockles XI	(P Johnson)	656
24	Jessicas Darlings 4	(A Nadison)	656
27	Nobby Nat	(A Brown)	655
27	Turners Earners 2	(P Turner)	655
29	Sharon's Buds	(D Conroy)	654
29	Don Shuter C	(D Shuter)	654
29	Apollo 2	(S Lazarids)	654
32	Paron United	(A Hewitt)	653
33	Hastoe Rovers	(P Bennion)	652
33	Cameron Athan	(J R Reader)	652
35	Rescue City 2	(J Sanderson)	651
36	Lemonlas	(P Gregoriou)	650
37	Kisspurs Two	(E Kisby)	649
38	Doug's Desperados	(D F Richardson)	648
39	Top Heavy?	(P Young)	647
40	Nadar	(A Neviazsky)	645
40	Wildebeest	(J Albertsen)	645
42	Metro Utd	(J Sanderson)	643
43	Aldrie	(A Ford)	642
44	———	(———)	640
44	Eggs N'ham	(D Warner)	640
46	March Pass	(M McGovern)	639
47	Rainbow Connection	(G Weiss)	638
48	Dun Elm Saints	(J Doyle)	637
48	Sensible City	(G Cole)	637
48	Albemarle Town	(I Hedges)	637
51	Kisspurs Three	(E Kisby)	636
51	DM 003	(D McGregor)	636
51	Points Make Prizes	(D J Chopping)	636
54	Steves Lions 6	(S Brewer)	635
54	St Remy Strikers	(G Dabnor)	635
54	Sky Blue Royles	(R Foster)	635
54	Snort And Stubbs	(K Booth)	635
58	A	(M Corless)	634
58	Strangers	(G Banks)	634
59	Bon Accord	(I Kelson)	634
58	Jesmond 1860	(S Murray)	634
62	———	(J Nicholl)	633
62	Shrew Voles	(H Brasher)	633
64	A Total Flop	(D Thandi)	632
64	Purple Sunflowers	(N Rickard)	632
64	Partick Thistle	(C Nicol)	632
67	County Pine O	(J Hunt)	631
68	Bertic Thistles	(C Nicol)	630
69	Bubwith Utd	(M Larkham)	629
70	County Pine L	(J Hunt)	628
70	Nippers	(K Hughes)	628
70	Platty Rovers	(I Platt)	628
73	Norman	(T Sigsworth)	627
73	Strawberry Dynamo	(D Ball)	627
75	Upum	(S Kavanagh)	626
75	The Living Dead	(T Steckin)	626
75	The Locksters	(D Lock)	626
75	Who Needs Mark	(N Persich)	626
75	Nirvana FC	(J Donovan)	626
80	Chip N' Dale XI	(Mrs E Arrowsmith)	625
80	The Good Bad & Ugly	(K Booth)	625
80	Dour Rangers	(I Clayton)	625
80	Justintime	(A Kent)	625
84	Phayco And Smither	(K Booth)	624
85	Daves Lisbon Lions	(D Strachan)	623
85	Monster Monster	(M Parish)	623
85	DOH 2	(M Corless)	623
85	The Likely Lads	(G Pedder)	623
89	Achilles Heel	(M Koutac)	622
89	Des Boot	(D Sutton)	622
89	DM OO4	(D McGregor)	622
92	Westabix Utd 3	(D Smith)	621
92	Harrington Inter	(D Lovell)	621
92	Wallace & Gromit FC	(S Hyams)	621
95	The Sinking Ship	(T Blythe)	620
95	Abergavenny Rovers	(S Smith)	620
95	Platypus United	(Ms Allison)	620
95	DM 001	(D McGregor)	620
99	Steves Lions 5	(S Brewer)	619
99	Eleven For Nork	(P S Gubala)	619
99	Teltown	(T Wood)	619
99	Joe Royles Wink 3	(T Gammage)	619
103	The Mind Boogles	(P McDowall)	618
103	Skunk City	(M Franks)	618
103	Pig In A Poke	(J Waters)	618
103	Here We Go	(S Smith)	618
107	Quinton Forest	(J Baker)	617
107	Boing Boing Baggy	(T Horne)	617
107	Clares Ducks	(T Collier)	617
110	Bijou	(M Minasian)	616
110	Seven Kings FC	(S Siddiqui)	616
110	Whatagoal Utd	(A Hughes)	616
110	Tanners United	(N Lane)	616
110	Burnzy's Babes	(T Burns)	616
115	Headstar	(I Stokes)	615
115	Alien Moonchild	(A Walkden)	615
115	The 2 Ufites	(M Forde)	615
115	110 Percent	(M C Doherty)	615
115	Francis Caldwell FC	(F Caldwell)	615
120	Wimps Utd	(A Heath)	613
120	Goal Diggers	(C Stacey)	613
122	Steves Lions 8	(S Brewer)	612
122	Wotnoshearer	(K Booth)	612
122	Arabest	(G Howitt)	612
125	NFC	(R Calder)	611
125	Rosies Supers	(P Sutton)	611
125	Old Turf	(J Ratcliffe)	611
125	QPR Auctioneers A	(S Kempher)	611
125	Ray Hates Footie	(M Woods)	611
125	Triple Peelers	(J B Portwood)	611
125	Rijhoard's Rebels	(A Targett)	611
125	Menage A Onze 2	(P Young)	611
133	Turners Earners	(P Turner)	610
133	Nats Lions	(N Brewer)	610
133	No Defence OK	(J B Portwood)	610
136	Ylkos Ylzzy	(D Flory)	609
136	Stigwig Utd	(S Gorse)	609
136	Stu's Dirty Dozen	(S House)	609
136	Formby Flyers	(A Norton)	609
135	Merts Mates 20	(M Hifzi)	609
141	Alsean Dynamoes	(A Hill)	608
141	Shoot On Sight	(P Goldstraw)	608
141	Pallisters Army	(J Pregon)	608
141	Purged Apricot Zoo	(T Hudson)	608
145	The Wee One Too	(A Nelson)	607
145	Long Drive	(I Parker)	607
145	Only Can Saver	(M McKeown)	607
145	The Super Doms	(D Teuma)	607
145	Good Times United	(T Stableford)	607
145	The Condensers	(M Montgomery)	607
145	J K's Dolphins	(J F Kitchen)	607
145	One Under Par	(C Bird)	607
145	Dinamo Defunkt	(J Woodhouse)	607
145	Inter Inactivo	(C Hall-Tomkin)	607
145	Bashful Bankers	(C Alavoine)	607
145	Gohils Gods 73	(B Gohil)	607
157	JRFC 2	(J J Rolf)	606
157	JRFC 17	(J J Rolf)	606
157	Bert Trautmann XI	(M Podeur)	606
157	Overhill Rovers	(M James)	606
157	Nanou	(G Bahdjejian)	606
162	Clean Sheet XI	(I Rawlinson-Smith)	605
162	Like Gold To Me	(R Laskowski)	605
162	Gibbins Terry Mark	(T Gibbins)	605
162	Northern Nashors	(P Sansom)	605
162	Dwayns Dribblers	(A J Philcox)	605
162	Danny's Boys Team 2	(D Gould)	605
162	Does He Play For Us	(K Maudfley)	605
169	Red Star Richmond	(S T Glanville)	604
169	Pursell Rangers	(F Macdonald Pursell)	604
169	Biomaniacs	(R Woof)	604
169	Legends	(P Naylor)	604
173	Wells S Wonder	(A Wells)	603
173	Steve's Scorers	(S Tinkler)	603
173	Eddie's Eagles	(E Woods)	603
173	The Tigers	(D S Sohal)	603
173	Built Around Les	(J Pregon)	603
173	The Untouchables	(V Beehane)	603
173	Dynamic Dawdlers	(T Hazard)	603
173	Amused To Death	(G Smith)	603
181	No Fear Utd	(G Saunders)	602
181	———	(———)	602
181	Oklan 2	(K Porter)	602
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The players' final scoring totals with which to assess how you performed during the season

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
10101	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	0	-22
10102	B Mimms	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	-1
10201	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	+5	+56
10203	A Coton	Manchester United	2.50	0	0
10301	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	-31
10302	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0
10303	*A Fettis*	*Nottingham Forest*	1.50	0	0
10401	D James	Liverpool	3.50	-1	+57
10402	A Warner	Liverpool	0.25	0	0
10501	J Lukic	Leeds United	3.00	0	-19
10502	M Beeney	Leeds United	0.75	0	-13
10601	P Smicek	Newcastle United	3.00	0	-5
10602	M Hooper	Newcastle United	1.00	0	0
10603	S Hislop	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+13
10701	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	+3
10702	E Thorstvedt	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	0
10801	*A Roberts*	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-7
10802	S Dykstra	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0	0
10803	J Sommer	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0	-48
10901	*H Segers*	*Wimbledon*	*1.50*	*0*	*-7*
10902	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	0.75	0	-22
10903	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.50	0	-38
11001	B Grobbelaar	Southampton	1.50	0	0
11002	D Beasant	Southampton	0.75	0	-20
11101	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0	+6
11102	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	1.00	0	-18
11201	*D Seaman*	*Arsenal*	5.00	0	+36
11202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
11301	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	-47
11302	C Woods	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	-6
11401	L Miklosko	West Ham United	2.50	0	-17
11402	L Sealey	West Ham United	0.50	0	-5
11501	N Southall	Everton	2.50	0	-2
11502	*J Kearton*	*Everton*	0.75	0	0
11601	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	0	-14
11602	J Gould	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
11603	J Filan	Coventry City	1.50	0	-35
11702	A Dibble	Manchester City	2.50	0	0
11703	E Immel	Manchester City	2.00	0	-39
11801	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+30
11803	*M Oakes*	*Aston Villa*	0.50	0	0
11901	A Miller	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	-2
11902	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	-18
12001	K Branagan	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	-71
12002	A Davison	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	-6
12003	G Ward	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	-8

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20101	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	+18
20102	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	4.50	0	+3
20103	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	+26
20104	G Croft	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	0
20201	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.50	+4	+54
20202	P Parker	Manchester United	2.50	0	+1
20203	G Neville	Manchester United	2.50	0	+22
20204	P Neville	Manchester United	0.75	+3	+50
20301	*S Pearce*	*Nottingham Forest*	*4.50*	*0*	*+28*
20302	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+20
20303	A Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	-16
20401	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00	0	+60
20402	S Bjornebye	Liverpool	3.00	0	+8
20403	S Harkness	Liverpool	0.75	0	+30
20501	T Dorigo	Leeds United	3.50	0	+15
20502	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	0	+18
20503	N Worthington	Leeds United	1.50	0	-2
20601	J Beresford	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+11
20603	*W Barton*	*Newcastle United*	*3.00*	*0*	*+24*
20701	D Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	+12
20702	J Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	+5
20703	S Campbell	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	+40
20704	D Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0	0
20705	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	+22
20801	D Bardsley	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	0	-14
20802	R Brevett	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-2
20803	N Zelic	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	0	-3
20804	T Challis	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0	-1
20901	A Kimble	Wimbledon	2.50	0	0
20902	G Elkins	Wimbledon	1.50	0	-8
20903	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	1.50	0	-14
20904	R Joseph	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
21001	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	0	+24
21002	F Benali	Southampton	1.00	0	+10
21003	S Charlton	Southampton	1.00	0	+6
21101	S Clarke	Chelsea	1.50	0	+11
21102	S Minto	Chelsea	1.50	0	+2
21104	A Myers	Chelsea	0.50	0	+12
21105	*T Phelan*	*Chelsea*	*1.50*	*0*	*+6*
21106	D Petrescu	Chelsea	2.50	0	+20
21201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	0	+56
21202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	0	+54
21203	S Morrow	Arsenal	1.50	0	+4
21302	I Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	-9
21303	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	-15
21304	D Stefanovic	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	-4
21401	J Dicks	West Ham United	3.50	0	+26
21402	T Breacker	West Ham United	3.00	0	-10
21403	*K Brown*	*West Ham United*	*0.75*	*0*	*+3*
21404	K Rowland	West Ham United	0.75	0	+13
21501	G Ablett	Everton	2.50	0	+10
21502	E Barrett	Everton	2.50	0	+4
21503	M Jackson	Everton	1.50	0	+11
21505	M Hottiger	Everton	3.00	0	+7
21601	D Burrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	+4
21602	A Pickering	Coventry City	1.00	0	+21
21 03	S Morgan	Coventry City	0.75	0	0
604	M Hall	Coventry City	0.75	0	-8
21702	*R Edghill*	*Manchester City*	1.50	0	-1
21704	J Foster	Manchester City	0.75	0	-1
21706	M Frontzeck	Manchester City	1.50	0	-12
21801	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+50
21802	S Staunton	Aston Villa	4.50	0	+12
21803	A Wright	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+56
21804	P King	Aston Villa	0.50	0	0
21901	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	-7
21902	N Cox	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	+22
21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+16
21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	+5
21905	Branco	Middlesborough	2.50	0	-1
22001	G Bergsson	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	-10
22002	S Green	Bolton Wanderers	0.25	0	-9
22003	J Phillips	*Bolton Wanderers*	*0.75*	*0*	*-20*
22004	A Todd	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	-4
22005	S McAnespie	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0
22006	*B Small*	*Bolton Wanderers*	0.50	0	-1

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30101	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.50	0	+22
30102	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	+3
30103	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	+5
30104	A Reed	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0	0
30105	C Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+13
30201	S Bruce	Manchester United	4.50	0	+44
30202	G Pallister	Manchester United	4.50	+4	+42
30203	D May	Manchester United	1.50	+4	+30
30301	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.50	0	+27
30302	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+13
30401	P Babb	Liverpool	3.00	-1	+44
30402	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.50	0	+41
30403	J Scales	*Liverpool*	3.50	0	+49
30404	M Wright	Liverpool	1.00	0	+45
30405	D Matteo	Liverpool	0.75	0	+8
30501	*D Wetherall*	*Leeds United*	3.50	0	+26
30502	C Palmer	Leeds United	3.00	0	+13
30503	J Pemberton	Leeds United	1.50	0	-11
30505	*P Beesley*	Leeds United	1.00	0	+10
30508	R Jobson	Leeds United	1.50	0	+3
30601	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.00	0	+30
[illegible]0602	S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+26
30603	D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+29
30701	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	+37
30702	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	+25
30703	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	-5
30704	K Scott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	0
30705	J Cundy	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0

Jan Molby, the Swansea City manager pictured during his Liverpool days, landed the PFA league in ITF

THE PROFESSIONALS' SCORES

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	Danish Dynamite	(J Molby)	521
2	West Shambles Utd	(S Webster)	488
3	Nash FC	(M Powell)	471
4	Rattus Norvegicus	(S Pearce)	466
5	Dred Select	(S Morgan)	461
6	Teds XI	(B Horne)	452
7	Macs Moodies	(A McDonald)	448
8	Cadburys Busst	(D Busst)	440
9	The Ruff Necks	(R Fox)	439
10	The Moody Blues	(N Spackman)	438
11	J & F FC	(J Beresford)	436
12	Southcote Old Boys	(M Allen)	430
13	Bulldock Toon	(S Stone)	428
14	Dodgy Barnets Eleven	(J Beresford)	423
14	Pure Silk	(T Sinclair)	423
16	*Mbl's*	*(D Peacock)*	421
16	Poelvo	(M Kennedy)	421
18	J C's Superstars	(S Clarke)	414
19	Bruces Bonus	(A Hinchcliffe)	412
20	The Bluenoses	(J Spencer)	410
21	Kansas City Kings	(T Breaker)	409
21	Robs Rockets	(R Lee)	409
23	The Warriors	(S Dykstra)	407
23	The Fab 12	(F Defreitas)	407
25	Quango Utd	(B Borrows)	403
26	*Fantasina*	*(D Platt)*	*402*
27	Toshy's Welsh Terrie	(I Rush)	401
28	The Crazy Boys	(N McDonald)	398
29	*Whittys Winners*	*(S Whittaker)*	392
30	Avenue Foch Town FC	(M Crossley)	391
31	Elly's Eggs	(R Elliott)	390
32	Cracker Jacks	(S Elliott)	389
32	Goochies	(N Southall)	389
32	Barkers Follies	(S Barker)	389
35	Silver Band Club XI	(T Blake)	383
36	Squark Hubbas	(D Dichio)	382
37	Irish Connection	(W Boland)	381
38	Prince's Team	(A Philippe)	380
39	*Mine Mine United*	*(S Hodge)*	*379*
40	Ryton Raiders	(G Gillespie)	378
40	Eleven From Heaven	(A Limpar)	378
42	Fast Attack	(D Lee)	371
43	Fergies Flyers	(D Ferguson)	369
44	Sabs Eleven	(S Bould)	364
44	T B's XI	(D Wise)	364
46	Sheffield City FC	(C Tiler)	360
47	Sheep In White Socks	(D Phillips)	358
48	Tallaght Town	(G O'Toole)	357
49	Pedro's Pearls	*(P Beardsley)*	356
50	Smokin Cigars	(N Zelic)	350
51	The Flair Boys	(L Clark)	349
52	Hitchys XI	*(K Hitchcock)*	339
53	Complete Madness	(S Chettle)	336
53	Keepers Greapers	(S Ogrizovic)	336
55	The True Vikings	(S Bjornebye)	333
56	Pie Men	(J Parkinson)	332
57	The Lepricorns	(K Gillespie)	331
58	Kirkby Krunchers	(A Stubbs)	321
59	Craigs Crackers	(G Strachan)	313
60	Kit & Kaboodle	(J Moncur)	311
60	Teflon Town	(K Branagan)	311
62	*Raggy Rovers*	*(J Darby)*	*308*
63	Smart Team	(J Gould)	303
64	Gemmas Gems	(G Strachan)	300
65	Spice Islanders	(B Batson)	297
66	Manchester Marauders	(A Pickering)	296
67	Lifes A Pitch	(B Marwood)	292
68	Goalies 11	(D Seaman)	287
69	Ryton Wanderers	(P Shilton)	282
70	Foreign United	(R Sneekes)	280
71	One Footed Wonders	(D Fairclough)	267
72	Steamo Utd	(J Williams)	260
73	Champagne Charlies	(S Osborn)	258

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
30801	D Maddix	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-13
30802	S Yates	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	-11
30803	*A McDonald*	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	0	+6
30805	K Ready	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0	-5
30901	A Reeves	Wimbledon	2.50	0	-2
30902	A Thorn	Wimbledon	0.75	0	-5
30903	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.75	0	-8
30904	C Perry	Wimbledon	1.00	0	-13
30905	A Pearce	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+1
31001	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	0	+17
31002	A Neilson	Southampton	1.50	0	+16
31003	R Hall	Southampton	1.50	0	+15
31101	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	0	+9
31102	J Kjeldbjerg	Chelsea	1.50	0	0
31103	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	0	+5
31104	D Lee	Chelsea	0.75	0	+20
31105	M Duberry	Chelsea	2.50	0	+1
31201	T Adams	Arsenal	4.50	0	+27
31202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	0	+23
31203	M Keown	Arsenal	1.50	0	+37
31204	A Linighan	Arsenal	1.50	0	+18
31301	D Walker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	0
31303	J Newsome	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	0
31401	*S Potts*	*West Ham United*	*2.50*	*0*	*+13*
31402	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	0	+14
31403	A Martin	West Ham United	1.00	0	+19
31405	A Whitbread	West Ham United	0.50	0	0
31406	S Bilic	West Ham United	1.50	0	+4
31501	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	0	+39
31502	D Watson	Everton	2.50	0	+27
31503	C Short	*Everton*	2.50	0	+13
31602	D Rennie	Coventry City	0.75	0	-7
31603	D Busst	Coventry City	0.75	0	+5
31604	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.50	0	-15
31605	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	0	-9
31606	L Daish	Coventry City	1.50	0	+14
31701	K Curle	Manchester City	1.50	0	+8
31702	*A Kernaghan*	*Manchester City*	*1.00*	0	-3
31704	K Symons	Manchester City	1.50	0	+13
31801	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+39
31802	P McGrath	Aston Villa	1.50	0	+28
31804	C Tiler	Aston Villa	0.75	0	+1
31901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+14
31902	S Vickers	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+17
31903	*P Whelan*	*Middlesbrough*	*0.75*	*0*	*0*
31904	D Whyte	Middlesbrough	0.75	0	+15
32001	A Stubbs	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	+12
32002	C Fairclough	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	-20
32003	S Coleman	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	-1
32004	G Taggart	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	-10
32005	G Strong	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
40103	*J Wilcox*	*Blackburn Rovers*	5.00	0	+15
40104	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+40
40105	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	+37
40107	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+4
40109	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	+10
40110	L Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	0	+37
40111	W McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+16
40112	G Fenton	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0	+16
40113	G Flitcroft	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+24
40201	R Giggs	Manchester United	5.50	+2	+81
40202	R Keane	Manchester United	2.50	+2	+49
40203	L Sharpe	Manchester United	3.00	0	+47
40205	N Butt	Manchester United	2.00	+2	+47
40206	D Beckham	Manchester United	0.75	+2	+54
40207	S Davies	Manchester United	0.75	0	+1
40302	C Bart-Williams	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+48
40303	*I Woan*	*Nottingham Forest*	*3.00*	*0*	*+68*
40304	S Stone	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0	+61
40305	D Phillips	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+21
40306	*S Gemmill*	*Nottingham Forest*	2.00	0	+38
40307	K Black	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	+1
40308	S Howe	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	0

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
40401	S McManaman	Liverpool	6.50	+1	+82
40402	J Redknapp	Liverpool	2.50	0	+34
40403	J Barnes	Liverpool	3.00	+1	+68
40405	M Thomas	Liverpool	1.50	0	+32
40409	M Kennedy	Liverpool	2.00	0	+2
40411	*J McAteer*	*Liverpool*	*4.00*	*+1*	*+53*
40501	G McAllister	Leeds United	4.00	0	+68
40502	G Speed	Leeds United	4.00	0	+45
40503	R Wallace	Leeds United	2.50	0	+26
40505	L Radebe	Leeds United	0.75	0	+15
40506	M Tinkler	Leeds United	0.50	0	+6
40507	A Couzens	Leeds United	1.00	0	+2
40508	M Ford	Leeds United	1.00	0	+10
40601	R Lee	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+62
40603	D Ginola	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+49
40604	*K Gillespie*	*Newcastle United*	*4.00*	*0*	*+36*
40605	L Clark	Newcastle United	1.50	0	+35
40607	S Watson	Newcastle United	1.50	0	+29
40608	C Holland	Newcastle United	0.75	0	0
40609	R Elliott	Newcastle United	0.75	0	+7
40610	D Batty	Newcastle United	1.50	0	+44
40701	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	6.50	0	+10
40702	*D Howells*	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	+40
40703	J Dozzell	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	+33
40705	G McMahon	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	+7
40707	*R Fox*	*Tottenham Hotspur*	*6.00*	0	+56
40708	A Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	+19
40801	S Barker	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	0	+36
40802	I Holloway	Queens Park Rangers	2.50	0	+24
40803	A Impey	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	+35
40805	T Sinclair	Queens Park Rangers	3.00	0	+48
40808	G Goodridge	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0	+1
40809	*N Quashie*	*Queens Park Rangers*	*0.75*	*0*	*+9*
40810	M Brazier	Queens Park Rangers	0.75	0	0
40901	V Jones	Wimbledon	2.00	0	+26
40902	R Earle	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+67
40903	M Gayle	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+45
40904	O Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+44
40905	N Ardley	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+4
40906	P Fear	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+3
41001	J Magilton	Southampton	3.00	0	+57
41002	N Maddison	Southampton	2.00	0	+18
41003	*N Heaney*	*Southampton*	2.50	0	+20
41005	D Hughes	Southampton	0.75	0	+9
41006	T Widdrington	Southampton	1.00	0	+31
41007	B Venison	Southampton	1.50	0	+24
41008	M Walters	Southampton	1.50	0	+7
41101	D Wise	Chelsea	5.00	0	+54
41102	R Gullitt	Chelsea	4.00	0	+58
41103	G Peacock	Chelsea	3.00	0	+40
41104	D Rocastle	Chelsea	1.50	0	+1
41105	N Spackman	Chelsea	0.75	0	+15
41106	C Burley	Chelsea	1.00	0	+23
41108	E Newton	Chelsea	0.75	0	+32
41201	G Helder	Arsenal	4.00	0	+26
41202	*P Merson*	*Arsenal*	*4.00*	*0*	*+63*
41204	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.00	0	+21
41205	E McGoldrick	Arsenal	1.00	0	0
41206	*D Hillier*	*Arsenal*	*1.00*	*0*	*+6*
41207	J Jensen	Arsenal	1.00	0	+16
41208	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	0	+48
41209	*A Clarke*	*Arsenal*	*1.50*	*0*	*+2*
41301	J Sheridan	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+14
41303	C Waddle	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+32
41304	*G Hyde*	*Sheffield Wednesday*	2.50	0	+18
41305	K Ingesson	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+5
41306	R Jones	Sheffield Wednesday	0.75	0	0
41307	*M Williams*	*Sheffield Wednesday*	1.00	0	+2
41308	L Briscoe	Sheffield Wednesday	0.75	0	+23
41309	M Pembridge	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+35
41401	*J Moncur*	West Ham United	3.00	0	+21
41405	I Bishop	West Ham United	1.50	0	+48
41406	D Gordon	West Ham United	1.00	0	0
41409	R Slater	West Ham United	1.00	0	+22
41410	S Lazarides	West Ham United	1.00	0	+2
41411	M Hughes	West Ham United	2.00	0	+42

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41412	D Williamson	West Ham United	1.00	0	+33
41413	I Dumitrescu	West Ham United	4.00	0	+7
41501	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	5.00	0	+33
41502	J Ebbrell	Everton	1.50	0	+40
41503	A Limpar	Everton	2.50	0	+28
41504	*B Horne*	Everton	*1.50*	*0*	*+29*
41505	V Samways	Everton	1.50	0	+5
41506	J Parkinson	Everton	1.00	0	+41
41508	*A Grant*	*Everton*	*0.50*	*0*	*+16*
41509	A Kanchelskis	Everton	6.00	0	+78
41602	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50	0	+34
41603	G Strachan	Coventry City	1.50	0	+5
41607	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50	0	+39
41608	M Isaias	Coventry City	3.00	0	+9
41609	C Batista	Coventry City	1.00	0	0
41610	J Salako	Coventry City	2.50	0	+49
41702	P Beagrie	Manchester City	3.00	0	+3
41703	S Lomas	Manchester City	1.50	0	+44
41704	I Brightwell	Manchester City	1.50	0	+27
41706	N Summerbee	Manchester City	1.50	0	+41
41707	G Kinkladze	Manchester City	1.50	0	+57
41708	N Clough	Manchester City	1.50	0	+27
41709	C Brown	Manchester City	1.00	0	+6
41801	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.00	0	+42
41802	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.00	0	+39
41803	G Southgate	Aston Villa	2.00	0	+47
41805	F Carr	Aston Villa	0.50	0	+4
41806	M Draper	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+64
41901	C Hignett	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	+29
41902	A Moore	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	+3
41903	J Moreno	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	+2
41904	*R Mustoe*	*Middlesbrough*	*0.75*	*0*	*+27*
41905	J Pollock	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	+37
41906	B Robson	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	+2
41907	Juninho	Middlesbrough	5.00	0	+26
42002	D Lee	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	0	+11
42003	A Thompson	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	0	+18
42007	W Burnett	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	0
42008	S Sellars	Bolton Wanderers	2.50	0	+33
42009	S Curcic	Bolton Wanderers	1.50	0	+34

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Pts Ov
50101	A Shearer	Blackburn Rovers	10.00	+0	+95
50102	C Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	7.00	0	+7
50103	*M Newell*	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	+26
50104	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+18
50105	N Goodm'dsson	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	+1
50201	*E Cantona*	*Manchester United*	*7.50*	*+3*	*+74*
50202	A Cole	Manchester United	7.00	+1	+60
50203	B McClair	Manchester United	3.00	0	+19
50204	P Scholes	Manchester United	2.50	0	+40
50301	B Roy	Nottingham Forest	6.00	0	+46
50302	K Campbell	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	+38
50303	J Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	+29
50305	*A Silenzi*	*Nottingham Forest*	3.50	0	+7
50306	P McGregor	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	0
50401	R Fowler	Liverpool	8.00	+1	+109
50402	S Collymore	Liverpool	7.50	+1	+72
50403	I Rush	Liverpool	3.00	0	+22
50501	A Yeboah	Leeds United	7.50	0	+53
50502	B Deane	Leeds United	2.50	0	+44
50503	*P Masinga*	*Leeds United*	1.50	0	+5
50506	T Brolin	Leeds United	5.00	0	+23
50601	L Ferdinand	Newcastle United	8.00	0	+87
50602	P Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00	0	+48
50603	P Kitson	Newcastle United	2.50	0	+7
50604	M Allen	Newcastle United	0.50	0	0
50605	D Huckerby	Newcastle United	0.50	0	0
50606	F Asprilla	Newcastle United	6.50	0	+15
50701	E Sheringham	Tottenham Hotspur	6.00	0	+82
50702	C Armstrong	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	0	+74
50704	*R Rosenthal*	*Tottenham Hotspur*	*1.50*	*0*	*+34*
50801	K Gallen	Queens Park Rangers	4.50	0	+41
50803	D Dichio	Queens Park Rangers	1.50	0	+32
50805	M Hateley	Queens Park Rangers	2.00	0	+15
50901	D Holdsworth	Wimbledon	4.00	0	+49
50902	J Goodman	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+31
50903	M Harford	Wimbledon	1.00	0	+18
50904	*G Blissett*	*Wimbledon*	*0.75*	*0*	*0*
50905	A Clarke	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+16
50906	E Ekoku	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+51
50907	J Euell	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+2
51001	M Le Tissier	Southampton	8.00	0	+40
51002	N Shipperley	Southampton	2.50	0	+64
51003	G Watson	Southampton	2.00	0	+27
51101	M Hughes	Chelsea	4.00	0	+46
51102	M Stein	Chelsea	2.50	0	+6
51103	J Spencer	Chelsea	2.50	0	+54
51104	P Furlong	Chelsea	2.50	0	+22
51201	I Wright	*Arsenal*	7.50	0	+54
51202	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.50	0	+51
51203	J Hartson	Arsenal	4.00	0	+21
51204	C Kiwomya	*Arsenal*	1.50	0	0
51206	P Dickov	Arsenal	0.75	0	+4
51301	D Hirst	Sheffield Wednesday	4.00	0	+50
51302	*M Bright*	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+27
51303	G Whittingham	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+36
51304	O Donaldson	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	+3
51305	M Degryse	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	0	+48
51306	D Kovacevic	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	*0*	+11
51307	R Blinker	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	0	+7
51401	T Cottee	West Ham United	4.50	0	+52
51403	*M Boogers*	*West Ham United*	2.00	0	-3
51404	I Dowie	West Ham United	0.75	0	+49
51405	Dani	West Ham United	2.50	0	+7
51501	D Ferguson	Everton	6.00	0	+28
51502	D Amokachi	Everton	*2.00*	*0*	*+36*
51503	P Rideout	Everton	3.00	0	+31
51504	G Stuart	Everton	2.00	0	+53
51601	D Dublin	Coventry City	4.50	0	+65
51602	P Ndlovu	Coventry City	4.00	0	+33
51605	N Lamptey	Coventry City	1.00	0	+3
51606	N Whelan	Coventry City	1.50	0	+40
51607	*E Jess*	*Coventry City*	3.00	*0*	*+11*
51701	U Rosler	Manchester City	5.50	0	+55
51702	N Quinn	Manchester City	4.00	0	+45
51705	G Creaney	Manchester City	2.50	0	+15
51706	R Ekelund	Manchester City	2.50	0	+1
51707	M Kavelashvili	Manchester City	1.00	0	+5
51801	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	4.00	0	+61
51803	D Yorke	*Aston Villa*	*3.00*	*0*	*+77*
51804	T Johnson	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+28
51806	J Joachim	Aston Villa	1.50	0	+7
51901	J Fjortoft	Middlesbrough	5.00	0	+34
51902	J Hendrie	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	+8
51903	P Wilkinson	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	+5
51904	N Barmby	Middlesbrough	4.00	0	+46
52001	*J McGinlay*	*Bolton Wanderers*	3.00	*0*	+40
52003	M Paatelainen	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	+12
52004	F De Freitas	Bolton Wanderers	0.75	0	+27
52005	*N Blake*	*Bolton Wanderers*	2.50	*0*	+12

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60101	R Harford	Blackburn Rovers	5.00	0	+48
60201	A Ferguson	Manchester United	4.00	+3	+95
60301	F Clark	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+57
60401	R Evans	Liverpool	4.00	-1	+79
60501	H Wilkinson	Leeds United	3.00	0	+34
60601	K Keegan	Newcastle United	4.00	0	+70
60701	G Francis	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	0	+62
60801	R Wilkins	Queens Park Rangers	1.00	0	+12
60901	J Kinnear	Wimbledon	1.00	0	+36
61001	D Merrington	Southampton	1.50	0	+30
61101	G Hoddle	Chelsea	2.50	0	+52
61201	B Rioch	Arsenal	3.50	0	+54
61301	D Pleat	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	0	+21
61401	H Redknapp	West Ham United	1.00	0	+39
61501	J Royle	Everton	2.00	0	+54
61601	R Atkinson	Coventry City	1.50	0	+25
61701	A Ball	Manchester City	1.50	0	+27
61801	B Little	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+63
61901	B Robson	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	+29
62002	C Todd	Bolton Wanderers	0.50	0	+9

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NEWS

Test-tube babies for HIV mothers

■ Britain's leading test-tube baby doctor blew open the ethical debate on fertility treatments yesterday by offering to help HIV-positive women to conceive. Professor Robert Winston has already treated a former heroin user and says he has several other infected patients on his books.

His decision prompted immediate calls for tighter controls *on the clinics which treat 18,000 infertile women a year*, although the British Medical Association said that doctors should be trusted to make judgments.......................... **Page 1**

Gas price curbs 'would threaten jobs'

■ About 10,000 jobs would be at risk if tough price curbs were forced on British Gas, the company said after the industry regulator revealed plans to cut customers' bills by about £50 a year. British Gas shares slumped 27p to 201p........ **Pages 1, 27**

Labour shake-up

A radical shake-up of the workings of Parliament, including the abolition of the long summer recess and substantially increased powers for Commons committees, is to be proposed by Labour.............................. **Page 1**

Controversial bishop

The Rev John Broadhurst, one of the strongest opponents of women priests in the Church of England, is to be appointed bishop.............................. **Page 1**

Teacher's terror

A teacher's attempts to fire her pupils' imagination by staging a fake terrorist attack on their school backfired when the children cried and complained to their parents.............................. **Page 1**

Murder retrial

Sara Thornton, 41, who denies murdering her husband, was portrayed as a pathological liar and compulsive attention-seeker.............................. **Page 3**

Father sues

A father is to sue an education authority for failing to provide his son with proper schooling after teachers barred the boy because of violence.......................... **Page 5**

Legal crisis

Crown Prosecution Service lawyers want to meet the Attorney-General and Solicitor-General about "day-to-day crisis management" in the courts........... **Page 6**

Plea to Vatican

Roman Catholic leaders in Britain have urged the Vatican to announce a successor to the late Archbishop of Liverpool quickly to end the speculation they believe is causing rifts within the Church.............................. **Page 7**

Hardy season

Directors and producers are avidly rereading Thomas Hardy's classics in a rush to make them into films as popular with audiences as Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*........................ **Page 9**

Chirac sympathy

On the eve of his three-day state visit to Britain, President Chirac expressed sympathy for British cattle farmers and said France would back any relaxation of the beef ban approved at a European level................ **Pages 11, 16, 20-23**

Death on Everest

Rob Hall, 35, the leading New Zealand mountaineer, bade a poignant farewell to his pregnant wife by radio before apparently dying near the summit of Mount Everest, which he had climbed five times........................ **Page 12**

Mandela ministers

President Mandela, facing criticism of his leadership and government's performance, attempted to consolidate the ANC's grip on power by rewarding favourite ministers with portfolios abandoned by the National Party.............................. **Page 13**

French singers Scotch chauvinism

■ France has dropped its centuries old tradition of cultural chauvinism by choosing a Scottish woman to represent it in the Eurovision song contest to be held in Oslo on Saturday. Britain's entry is to be sung by Gina G, an Australian; Austria's song is a gospel number, while Iceland's entry is based on American music of the forties and fifties................ **Pages 6, 17**

ANTHONY UPTON

Competitors in a wheelchair marathon from Land's End to John O'Groats launch their journey at Kensington Palace yesterday. Simon Barnes, left, Mark Reynolds and Chris Madden were seen off by the Princess of Wales, to raise cash for spinal research

BUSINESS

Gas: Doubts hung over the future of TransCo, the profitable pipelines division of British Gas, and of the restructuring of the whole company after yesterday's price control plans from Ofgas proved to be tougher than expected....... **Page 27**

Ageism: Business leaders launched an initiative to end age discrimination at work — although they ruled out new legislation to outlaw it.............................. **Page 27**

Economy: Prices charged by British factories in April showed their lowest annual growth since December 1994 despite a surge in the cost of imported crude oil and food. City economists predicted that retail price inflation would continue to drop in the months ahead, helping to keep base rates low. **Page 27**

SPORT

Rugby union: Neil Back was suspended for six months by the Rugby Football Union for his petulant push on Steve Lander, the referee, at the end of the Pilkington Cup final.............................. **Page 52**

Football: Ken Bates, Chelsea's chairman, appears to have the upper hand in his power struggle with Matthew Harding, one of the club's leading directors................ **Page 52**

Cricket: David Follett took eight for 22, the best bowling figures at Lord's for 20 years, as Middlesex dismissed Durham for 67, their lowest total as a first-class county.............................. **Page 52**

Golf: Laura Davies was celebrating her third major title, the McDonald's LPGA Championship, after her best final .... **Page 47**

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Morris mania: The Victoria and Albert Museum leads a celebration of William Morris. His centenary year is marked by a reassessment of his interior design .... **Page 44**

Cannes delights: Mike Leigh's new movie, *Secrets and Lies*, leads a strong lineup of British films in competition at the Cannes Festival, while Robert Altman falls flat with his new *Kansas City*.......... **Page 45**

Doctor's friend: Maureen Lawrence's new two-hander *Resurrection*, now at the Bush Theatre, is a gauche look at the life of the 18th-century "noble savage" Francis Barber.............................. **Page 45**

Going strong: The octogenarian composer Henri Dutilleux takes part in a London festival of French music.............................. **Page 46**

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A real find: Thousands of people flock to the *Antiques Roadshow* hoping that their offering might appear on TV. Is it for fame or knowlege that they queue for hours?.............................. **Page 15**

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Dr Thomas Stuttaford: Regular use of tobacco and alcohol can cause cancer of the tonsils. **Page 14**

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Wonderlandish reasons: Inquest law seems wary of going further than a death by natural causes verdict.......................... **Pages 37, 39**

UNIVERSITY GUIDE

Price of place: The price of a university place, the best summer jobs and the different living styles of university towns......... **Pages 42, 43**

THE PAPERS

According to reliable sources China is preparing to begin a new nuclear test on its site at Lop Nor. Although this country is, of all the nuclear powers, the one which has carried out the least number of tests, it cannot put itself so obviously in contradiction with the sensitivity of the era on such a subject without submitting to major international disgrace. — *Le Monde*

TOMORROW

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■ FASHION
Rediscovered for summer: classic styles of flattering swimwear

■ INTERFACE
In our guide to new technology: how Britain lost the European space race . . . plus, win two multimedia PCs, each worth £1,600

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OPINION

Prophets of Prague

The rising exasperation with the West in Europe's new democracies aids the return of communists, some less reformed than others. The Prague congress did well to focus on this peril............... **Page 17**

Clown and Broke

The position of Chancellor is not a popular one. Nor does it seem that the Shadow role brings much more in the way of plaudits. Kenneth Clarke and Gordon Brown have both suffered a barrage of criticism from their respective parties as the force of economic orthodoxy has pushed the policies of the two together .... **Page 17**

The Auld Alliance

Karen Matheson may sing this Saturday in Breton, a sister tongue of Gaelic, but for most Scots songs of Celtic solidarity will remain what they sing at Parkhead when Rangers visit .... **Page 17**

COLUMNS

LIBBY PURVES

While useless governmental agencies *shadow-box endlessly about Spanish trawlers, the World Wide* Fund for Nature has entered into an agreement with Unilever — the world's biggest seafood supplier — to set up the Marine Stewardship Council, an independent body which intends to "establish a broad set of principles for sustainable fishing and set standards for individual fisheries"................ **Page 16**

ANATOLE KALETSKY

The French seem to have won their long battle with the Bundesbank. It now looks as if the single currency will be created on French terms — with the Maastricht target softened, and European currencies devalued against the dollar and yen .... **Page 16**

OBITUARIES

Nnamdi Azikiwi, former President of Nigeria; **Joan Thirkettle**, ITN news reporter.................... **Page 19**

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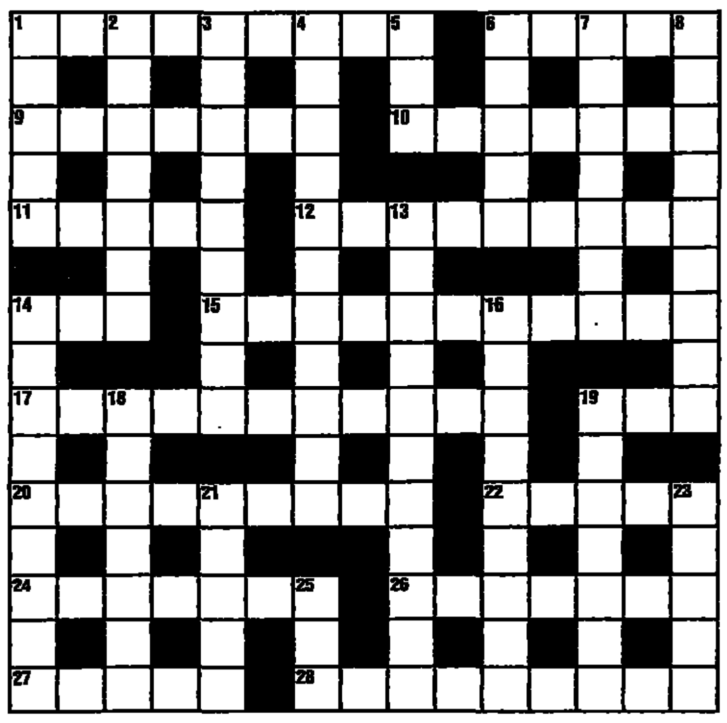

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25 It could be either end of whippet (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,166

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Hove, East Sussex, and Weston-super-Mare, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Cromer, Norfolk, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Lossiemouth, Grampian, 0.05in; highest sunshine: Cardiff, 14.1hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a dry sunny day after any early-morning mist or fog patches clear away. Temperatures will be a degree or so down on yesterday's and winds will be light.

Much of Scotland, along with Northern Ireland will also be dry, but there will be a few light showers in places exposed to the north and west. Overnight there will be rather less mistiness, but there will be a widespread ground frost with air frost in well sheltered spots.

☐ **London, E Midlands, W Midlands, S Wales, Central N England:** dry with clear or sunny spells after early mist. Winds light to moderate, northeasterly. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E England, Channel Isles, SW England:** dry with clear or sunny spells. Wind light to moderate, northeasterly. Max 14C (57F), cooler on coasts.

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow:** dry with clear or sunny spells after early mist clears. Wind light, east or northeasterly. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** clear or sunny spells with perhaps a shower. Wind light to moderate, northwesterly. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland:** clear or sunny spells and showers, perhaps wintry on higher ground, clearer later. Wind moderate, northwesterly. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday:** remaining mainly dry, showers in the north.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b = bright; c = cloud; d = drizzle; ds = dust storm; du = dull; f = fair; fg = fog; g = gale; h = hail; r = rain; sh = shower; sl = sleet; sn = snow; s = sun; t = thunder

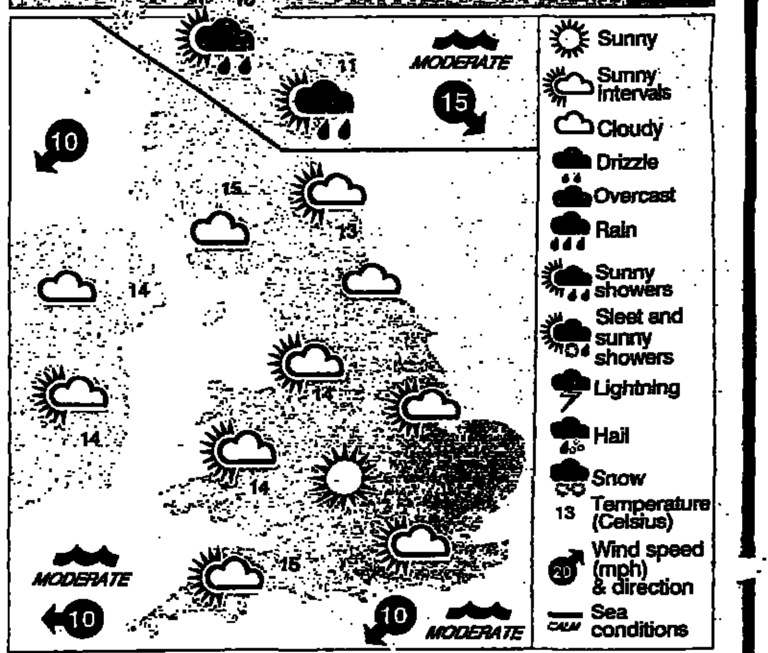
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.7	-	15	59	s	Littlehmptn	9.7	-	17	63	s
Anglesey	13.8	-	13	55	s	London	11.4	-	17	63	s
Aspatria	10.3	-	14	57	s	Lowestoft	6.3	-	11	52	s
Aviemore	9.2	0.01	17	63	s	Manchester	6.3	0.01	16	61	s
Belfast	10.2	-	15	59	s	Margate	9.0	-	12	54	s
Birmingham	10.7	-	16	61	s	Minehead	12.2	-	15	59	s
Bognor R	10.0	-	17	63	s	Morecambe	9.0	-	15	59	s
Bournem'th	-	-	17	63	s	Newcastle	10.5	0.01	14	57	s
Bristol	11.7	-	17	63	s	Newquay	13.4	-	13	55	s
Buxton	10.3	-	16	61	s	Norwich	4.9	-	13	55	s
Cardiff	14.1	-	14	57	s	Oxford	11.6	-	16	61	s
Clacton	13.2	-	12	54	s	Penzance	X	-	15	59	s
Cleethorpes	X					Poole	9.2	-	17	63	s
Colwyn Bay	12.4	-	12	54	s	Prestatyn	X	-	14	57	s
Cromer	3.6	-	10	50	s	Ross-o-wye	9.7	-	17	63	s
Dunbar	10.5	-	16	61	s	Ryde	11.5	-	17	63	s
Eastbourne	6.4	-	16	61	s	Salcombe	10.0	-	13	55	s
Eskdalemuir	6.0	0.02	15	59	fg	Sandown	11.2	-	18	64	s
Exmouth	11.7	-	13	55	s	Saunton Snd	13.9	-	14	57	s
Fishguard	12.2	-	11	52	s	Scarboro'	10.0	-	12	54	s
Folkestone	12.2	-	15	59	s	Shanklin	X				
Glasgow	8.9	0.01	16	61	s	Shrewsbury	10.4	-	15	59	s
Guernsey	13.2	-	14	57	s	Skegness	7.5	-	11	52	s
Hastings	8.5	-	15	59	s	Southend	10.6	-	15	59	s
Hayling I.	9.0	-	16	61	s	Southport	13.1	-	13	55	s
Herne Bay	12.3	-	13	55	s	Southsea	5.8	-	16	61	s
Hove	9.7	-	18	64	s	Stornoway	10.7	0.01	14	57	sh
Hunstanton	9.8	-	11	52	s	Swanage	11.5	-	15	59	s
Isle of Man	13.0	-	12	54	s	Teignmouth	10.9	-	14	57	s
Jersey	13.3	-	16	61	s	Tiree	10.6	-	12	54	s
Kinloss	9.2	0.01	16	61	s	Torquay	11.8	-	14	57	s
Leeds	9.4	-	17	63	b	Ventnor	11.7	-	17	63	s
Lerwick	6.4	-	12	54	b	West-s-mare	11.5	-	18	64	s
Leuchars	10.9	-	18	64	s	Weymouth	13.0	-	13	55	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	17	63	f	Corfu	X			Majorca	15	59	f	Rome	18	64	f
Akrotiri	27	81	s	C'phagn	11	52	c	Malaga	19	66	s	S Frisco	25	77	s
Alex'dria	25	77	s	Dublin	9	48	r	Malta	23	73	s	S Paulo	24	75	c
Algiers	19	66	f	Dubrovnik	17	63	f	Melb'rne	11	52	f	Salzburg	12	54	r
Amst'dm	10	50	c	Faro	19	66	s	Mexico C	22	72	s	Santiago	17	63	s
Athens	X			Florence	14	57	r	Miami	32	90	f	Seoul	20	68	s
B Aires	22	72	s	Frankfurt	15	59	s	Milan	16	61	r	Sing'por	30	86	f
Bahrain	33	91	s	Funchal	18	64	f	Montreal	4	39	fg	St'kholm	18	64	f
Bangkok	34	93	f	Geneva	13	55	c	Moscow	24	75	s	Strasb'rg	14	57	c
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	19	66	s	Munich	13	55	c	Sydney	21	70	f
Barcelona	20	68	f	Helsinki	23	73	s	N Delhi	33	91	s	Tangier	17	63	f
Beirut	28	82	s	Hong K	25	77	f	N York	11	52	f	Tel Aviv	39	102	s
Belgrade	24	75	f	Innsbrck	13	55	r	Nairobi	19	66	s	Tenerife	21	70	c
Berlin	11	52	c	Istanbul	23	73	s	Naples	21	70	f	Tokyo	19	66	f
Bermuda	23	73	f	Jeddah	36	97	s	Nice	18	64	f	Toronto	7	45	s
Biarritz	15	59	f	Jo'burg	X			Oslo	21	70	s	Tunis	17	63	f
Bordo'x	15	59	c	L Angels	24	75	s	Paris	12	54	c	Valencia	21	70	s
Brussels	10	50	c	L Palmas	22	72	s	Peking	29	84	f	Vanc'ver	15	59	c
Budapst	24	75	f	Le Touqt	10	50	f	Perth	19	66	s	Venice	16	61	r
Cairo	32	90	f	Lisbon	17	63	f	Prague	12	54	c	Vienna	17	63	c
Cape Tn	X			Locarno	15	59	r	Reykjavik	9	48	f	Warsaw	25	77	s
Ch'church	11	52	X	Luxembg	12	54	c	Rhodes	X			Wash'ton	16	61	f
Chicago	9	48	s	Luxor	43	109	s	Rio de J	25	77	s	Wel'ngton	15	59	c
Cologne	10	50	c	Madrid	13	55	c	Riyadh	35	95	s	Zurich	10	50	d

Temperatures at midday local time on Sunday. X - not available

NOON TODAY



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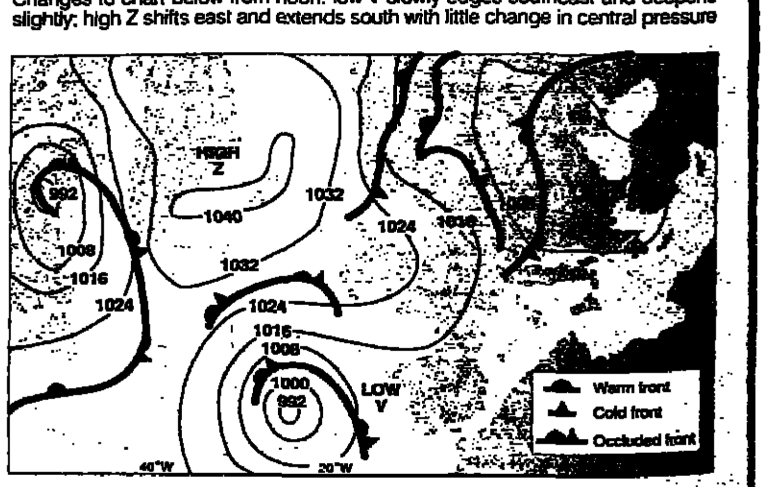

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.20	7.0	11.38	6.9	Leith	-	-	12.08	5.1
Aberdeen	10.56	3.8	11.42	3.9	Liverpool	8.44	8.7	9.13	8.7
Avonmouth	4.30	11.9	4.58	12.1	Lowestoft	7.09	2.3	7.06	2.3
Belfast	8.39	3.4	9.09	3.3	Margate	9.45	4.5	10.01	4.5
Cardiff	4.19	11.4	4.48	11.5	Milford Haven	3.39	6.3	4.08	6.3
Devonport	3.02	4.9	3.36	5.0	Newquay	2.32	6.3	2.58	6.3
Dover	8.57	6.1	9.11	6.3	Oban	3.29	3.5	3.53	3.3
Dublin (N Wall)	9.15	3.9	9.54	3.8	Penzance	2.07	5.0	2.36	5.0
Falmouth	2.32	4.9	3.05	4.7	Portland	3.56	1.8	4.34	1.8
Greenock	10.11	3.2	10.41	3.1	Portsmouth	8.52	4.3	9.21	4.8
Harwich	9.14	3.8	9.32	3.7	Shoreham	8.57	5.6	9.22	5.9
Holyhead	7.51	5.2	8.29	5.1	Southampton	8.20	4.2	8.48	4.4
Hull (Albert D)	3.45	6.8	3.47	7.0	Swansea	3.42	8.5	4.11	8.6
Ilfracombe	3.24	8.3	3.54	8.4	Tees	0.59	4.8	1.14	5.0
King's Lynn	3.42	6.0	4.01	6.4	Walton-on-Naze	9.13	4.0	9.28	3.9

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.10 am
Sun sets: 8.45 pm
Moon sets 5.28 pm
Moon rises 3.53 am

New Moon May 17

London 8.45 pm to 5.09 am
Bristol 8.54 pm to 5.18 am
Edinburgh 9.18 pm to 5.00 am
Manchester 9.02 pm to 5.08 am
Penzance 9.01 pm to 5.36 am

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